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Amanda Witter scored midway through the fourth quarter as the Lady Warrior soccer team improved to 10-1 by handing Incarnate Word its first loss of the year Friday. Granite City figures to move up in the area rankings.

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Tim Hogan is the consummate leadoff man for the SIUE baseball team. The 1987 Granite City High School graduate is on pace to set Cougar single-season records in stolen bases, walks and runs. SIUE was 30-9 after two wins Friday.

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### Hot tip

#### Armed forces event

An area-wide celebration of Armed Forces Week will be held May 10 and 11 at the U.S. Army Price Support Center.

The event, sponsored by the U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command, will feature displays of helicopters and other military equipment. Maj. Gen. Donald V. Williamson, AVSCOM commander, will open the ceremonies at 11:30 a.m. on May 10.

The activities will run from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 10 and from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. on May 11.

### 25 years ago

Thursday, April 28, 1966

Petition for annexation of 700 acres of Nameoki township land to the village of Pontoon Beach was dismissed by Circuit Court.

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## Mixed reviews for Cruse plan

By Bob Slaten  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Mayor Von Dee Cruse's recent announcement that he will propose layoffs of city employees has been met with mixed reviews among city officials.

Predictably, heads of the various city departments were pleased with the announcement, but aldermanic reaction was mixed.

Cruse said, "People can talk about waste on the city's payroll — and there may be one department where there is some waste, but I know the police and fire departments need all the manpower they have. There may have been some excess in the street department — but we have a new superintendent (Clayton "Jub" Harrison, who will take office the first week in May) and we ought to give him a chance."

"If he has the (courage) to make that department work, with his ideas, then the things that need to be done, maybe (the street department) can be very

productive."

"I think we have enough support to make the hiring freeze effective in combating the (escalating) payroll," Cruse stated.

Police Chief Don Knight responded to Cruse's comments by saying: "I'm joyous. I think he's making the right decision, especially in the police department."

Knight said the current hiring freeze has already affected his department, and could cause

"We're already two persons down: a dispatcher and an officer who recently became eligible for retirement," he said.

"We've got another potential retirement in June, and with 911 coming on line in December, I anticipate an increase in calls for service."

"We will do our best to assist the city with the dilemma it faces."

Some aldermen believe the city should cut back on police

and fire department manpower, equating a reduced population in recent years to a reduced need for services.

Knight said, "In the first place, I think the Census Bureau made a big mistake in (its count) of Granite City. Furthermore, since the 1970s, more business and industry have created an increased daytime population in the city, and as a result an increase in the number of calls for services."

Rumors have circulated that the city was considering closing the West Granite fire station and contracting for ambulance services. Cruse, however, has made no such proposal.

Fire Chief Jerry Wallace was unavailable, as he was attending the National Fire Academy, but Assistant Chief Bob Bell said, "I think it's great. I think the mayor brought it out in the

## State of the City

## Trash pickup fee called inevitable

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The chairman of the city's Solid Waste Committee is well aware that people are going to be "really unhappy" if they have to start paying for trash pickup.

"But deep down in my heart I know it's going to happen," G.R.E.C. Alderman Judy Whitaker said. "People won't like it, but they wouldn't like higher property tax either."

Charging each household a still-undetermined fee for garbage collection is one of Mayor Von Dee Cruse's proposals, publicized in the Tuesday *Press-Record*, to balance the city budget. He said many cities have already quit providing free trash hauling and even more will in the future. Cruse estimated it could increase city revenue by more than \$70,000.

"We're going to have to do it," Whitaker said. "Trash hauling is one of our biggest expenses and all the other cities around, except Madison, are either charging or are going to start."

Whitaker said she would expect the trash-hauling fee to be included on the city sewer bills. She admitted the city has trouble collecting its sewer bills at present, but said the collection rate has gone up quite a bit since the city started taking those who don't pay to court and putting liens on homes.

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## More median crossovers not practical IDOT rejects plan

By Valerie Ewenden  
Staff writer

POONTOON BEACH — Additional median crossovers suggested by village officials as part of the proposed improvements on Illinois 111 are not considered practical by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

IDOT's response was reported at a recent meeting of the Village Board.

According to several officials, potential hazards at Ponto Road and Illinois 111. A left turn arrow and a sign permitting a left turn after yielding to through traffic are located on Illinois 111 at the intersection.

"I've had two calls can there," Trustee Louis Whitsell said. "Others have been telling me the same thing. I don't understand why we can't have a straight left turn arrow."

"They changed the one at (Illinois) 35 and (Illinois) 111," he said. That intersection was the scene of several serious traffic accidents.

When a signal light for northbound through traffic on 111 is green, people still think they can make a left turn, but the southbound traffic has the right of way, Trustee Louis Whitsell said.

Police Chief Chet Balliet had talked with IDOT officials about potential dangers at the intersection, he said. The state did come out and put left turn yield signs at eye level on the signal light post, he said.

The improvement to Illinois 111 from Illinois 162 to just north of Chain of Rocks Road is scheduled for the 1992 fiscal year construction program.

When the project was announced in March, trustees agreed to seek additional median crossovers across access at the Soccer for Fun business and Georgetown Drive.

Crossovers are scheduled to be constructed at Lakeview Drive, between Lakeview Drive, District Engineer Dale L. Kloth said. Left turn lanes are also proposed for the crossover at Lakeview Drive and at South Drive.

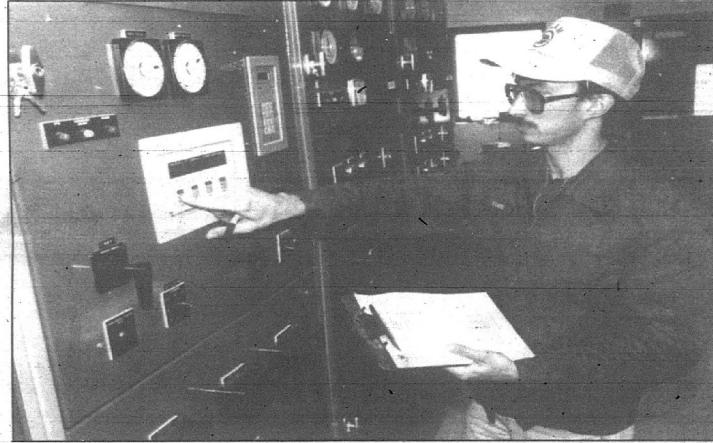
The South Drive exit is located about 350 feet from the north entrance to Soccer for Fun. Construction of a left-turn lane will make the turning maneuver safer by keeping the vehicles stopped for the turn out of the northbound through traffic lanes, Kloth said.

Eastgate Drive, which runs parallel to Illinois 111, connects Lakeview Drive to Georgetown Drive, Kloth and Kent L. Muskopf, district planning engineer, said.

"Installation of more crossovers will allow vehicles to enter either direction of traffic. This will result in more traffic movement conflicts and thus present a greater hazard if it attempts to cross," Kloth said.

"Consequently, we have determined that it would not be practical to provide additional median crossovers along this section of the roadway."

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(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)

ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO as Todd Salovich, the Milam gas facility manager, checks the gauges at the plant.

## Landfill gas gets new use: Generating electricity

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

MADISON — The latest recycling plant at Madison Landfill is producing electricity.

The Waste Management-owned landfill, located just east of Illinois 203, is all set to start using landfill gas to generate electricity, according to James Nold, plant general manager.

Nold said the rotting garbage produces methane gas that is burned up under the surface of landfills.

"He was working an unbelievable amount of hours," said Lois Mitchell, his widow. "He gave his life for his country.

From a very early age, he had given everything. I think people ought to know that there are still people who do things for their country because it attempts to recruit them."

Ernest Mitchem joined the Marine Corps in March 1969 and served two tours in Vietnam, during which he was awarded the Bronze Star for valor. He left the Marines in May 1977, but went on active duty with the Army Reserve that October. He remained on active duty until his death.

Among his assignments, Ernest Mitchem served more than six years at the U.S. Army Record Center in St. Louis, in which he was stationed there that he met and married Lois, a long-time resident of Granite City.

When things started heating up

ignited and exploded."

The standard way of controlling the gas is to burn it off, Nold said.

That's the reason for the torches you see burning there 24 hours a day," he said.

At Milam, he said, wells have been drilled to collect the gas and a system of pipes has been installed to carry all the gas to a compressor building where it is cleaned and compressed so it can be used to fuel two 1,200-horsepower engines which then turn turbines that generate electricity.

"Every day we generate enough electricity to power 8,000 to 10,000 homes all day long," Nold said. "And if we never add another teaspoon of garbage to the landfill, we would have enough methane to keep the gen-

erators operating another 15 years.

"Obviously, we are going to keep adding garbage, so we have an energy source that will be viable for a long time to come."

Nold said the electricity is sold to Union Electric, who adds the electricity to its grids for public consumption.

"It's very unique and functional form of recycling," Nold said. "We're taking a byproduct of throwaways and turning it into a useful product. It's something we're really excited about."

The system already is on line, Nold said, and all that is lacking are some finishing touches and fine-tuning of engines. He said a grand opening for the system is tentatively planned May 31.

## Newspaper wins several awards

The Granite City Journal took home a number of awards at the recent Southern Illinois Editorial Association annual newspaper contest.

The Journal earned first place in best overall makeup; second in sports coverage; third in advertising excellence and local news coverage; and honorable mention in the general excellence and photo categories.

The awards came during the SIEA's 95th spring meeting, Friday, April 19.

The Journal placed in the competition's small, weekly division.

## Class to honor Gulf soldier

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Sgt. 1st Class Ernest Frank Mitchem Jr., 41, never got the welcome home he deserved after Vietnam.

His return from the Gulf War was going to be different. This time, along with family and friends, he had his granddaughter, Ernestine, a 5th-grade class at Prather Elementary School, with whom he corresponded from Saudi Arabia, waiting for him.

Mitchem never made it. On April 13, he died of a heart

attack while working at the U.S. Army Material Command. His job was to make sure returning soldiers were sent to the right place at the right time for their trip home.

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From a very early age, he had given everything. I think people ought to know that there are still people who do things for their country because it attempts to recruit them."

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## Man faces sex abuse charge

GRANITE CITY — A former Granite City man, now living in Ferguson, was arrested Tuesday on charges of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Kevin M. Harper Sr., 36, of the 2900 block of Copper Creek Road in Ferguson, was arrested at the Granite City police station at 2:10 p.m. on a felony warrant charging aggravated criminal sexual abuse. According to

Assistant Police Chief Ron Seiph, Harper is alleged to have committed sexual improprieties with the 13-year-old daughter of his live-in girl friend.

Seiph said the police department received notification from the Department of Children and Family Services on Feb. 2 that Harper had allegedly molested the girl while he lived with her and her mother on Edwardsville

Road. Harper subsequently moved to Missouri, and the girl relocated to Maryville, according to Seiph.

Seiph said he was unaware of the exact time or the date of the offense, or if the charge related to a single offense or actions over a longer period of time.

Bond was set at \$20,000, Seiph said.

## Burglar damages car during theft

### Granite City

A burglar damaged a 1983 Isuzu pickup truck while stealing an in-dash AM/FM stereo radio and cassette player, valued at \$150, from a business in the 2000 block of Oakmont Drive, Pontiac Beach, he reported April 19.

The vehicle was parked in the 2100 block of Delmar Avenue when the burglar pried the driver's door, damaging the key hole and lock, and also damaged the dashboard to remove the stereo.

### Ring, stereo missing

In a burglary at the apartment of Angela A. Milligan in the 1400 block of Madison Avenue, reported April 18, the intruder removed a Panasonic portable stereo with a double cassette player, valued at \$150, and a diamond ring worth \$270.

### Seasonal damage

Someone threw two baseballs through the living room picture window at the home of Everett J. Brown, in the 2300 block of Edwards Street, he reported at 11:35 p.m. April 19.

The baseballs broke two regular and two storm glass windows, the homeowner said.

### Car grill stolen

The entire front grill of a 1981 Oldsmobile Cutlass was stolen while the auto was parked in the parking lot at the home of Charlotte Minks of the 2500 block of Parkview Drive, she reported April 19.

### Warrants served

A Granite City officer went to Brooklyn Police Department at 3:20 a.m. April 20 to pick up Benjamin Joseph Sims Jr., 24, of Edwardsville.

Sims was wanted on a local warrant for failure to appear on a charge of driving while his license was suspended and an active warrant issued by the Edwardsville Police Department for failure to appear on a driving while suspended charge.

He also was served with a body attachment paper on a charge of driving without headlights.

### Machinery taken

Dan Partney, owner of Granite Sheet Metal Works, 2500 Madison Avenue, reported a welding machine, valued at \$2,000, was taken from a locked shed at the business between March 25 and April 25. No evidence of forced forced entry was visible, a report stated.

### Autos burglarized

Tony R. Jackson, of the 3200 block of Westchester Drive, reported a \$225 radar detector and six cassette tapes worth \$7 each were taken from his silver 1987 Pontiac Bonneville while it was parked in his driveway between 11 p.m. April 24 and 5:50 a.m. April 25.

Robert L. Guffey, of the same block of Westchester, told police a \$17 duck call was taken from his 1983 Chevrolet half-ton pickup truck the same night, and a second Guffey vehicle had been entered, but nothing was taken.

### Satellite receiver taken

Cathy Collins, of the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College, reported a \$2,500 receiver from the school's satellite dish was taken from inside a locked eight-foot-high fence on the campus between 5 p.m. April 24 and 9 a.m. April 25.

### Mower missing

Anthony DiNietro, 76, of the 2800 block of Dale Avenue, told officers his Toro lawn mower, worth \$400, was taken from his yard between 5 p.m. April 24 and 9 a.m. April 25.

### Jail commitment

Joel Ray Pirtle, 18, of the 300 block of Wilson Park Lane, United for contempt, was served a jail commitment order issued by a judge on April 19 while at the Granite City court.

Pirtle was taken to the Granite City Jail and transferred to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville at 5:55 p.m. April 19.

### Arson charged

A 73-year-old Granite City man was charged with setting fire to a garage in the 2000 block of Cleveland Boulevard Wednesday.

Neal C. Kelso, 72, of the 2500 block of Cleveland, was charged with arson Wednesday after a witness reported observing Kelso walk down the alley, bend over near the garage, then stand up and walk away.

After taking the witness' statement, officers located Kelso walking in Wilson Park, near 27th and State Streets. He was taken back to the scene of the fire, where the witness identified him.

A book of matches was found in the rear of the patrol car in which Kelso was transported, a report states.

Damage to the garage was estimated at \$500.

### Two charges

A Madison woman was arrested following a fight at Curt's Drive Inn—1623 Madison Avenue, at about 3 a.m. Wednesday.

Rose (Turner) Hildreth, 35, of the 1100 block of Grand Avenue, was charged with disorderly conduct and assault.

Officers arrived at the restaurant and were told by the fight participants, Hildreth and Chris A. Harvaez, 37, of the 1100 block of State Street, that the dispute was settled.

Hildreth was called for a cab to take Hildreth home; she allegedly threw a glass of tea into Harvaez' face and the fight resumed.

Hildreth was charged and released on \$104 bail.

### Warrant arrest

James D. Crafton, 28, of Berkelman, Ill., was arrested at the St. Clair County jail Wednesday on Granite City warrants for failure to appear on charges of unlawful possession of cannabis, criminal trespass to property, disorderly conduct and illegal possession of alcohol.

Crafton was released after posting \$102 bail.

Clarence E. Pospisich, 47, of the 1500 block of 20th Street, arrested April 8, 1990, convicted April 4.

Floyd H. Smith, 38, of the 2100 block of Missouri Avenue, arrested Feb. 10, convicted Feb. 13.



(Staff photo by Pam Deepke-Hurd)

## Police detectives honored by arson investigators' group

Detectives Mike Murge and Randy Parks of the Granite City Police Department are co-recipients of the 1991 Golden Key Award given by the Southern Illinois Arson Investigators' Association.

The presentation was made at the 18th annual August F. Mazzone Fire and Arson Conference on April 6 at the Quality Inn in Collinsville.

Each year the Southern Illinois Arson Investigator's Association recognizes outstanding efforts in the area of arson investigation and detection. The Golden Key Award acknowledges outstanding performance of a follow-up investigation. The recipient need not be a member of the association.

Murge is a 12-year veteran of the department and has attended arson-related classes, including the Fire and Arson Conferences in Collinsville. He is currently

scheduled to attend a 2-week course of study in arson investigation at the National Fire Academy in Maryland during September.

Parks, a detective since October, has been with the department for seven years and was recognized for his immediate follow-up action at the scene of the fire while still a patrolman.

Mike Crockarell, secretary of the Madison County Chapter said: "Since I've been involved in this field, my interest I have known about the Granite City Police Department and how they investigate suspicious fires and that they have a better than average clearance rate. This recognition is long overdue the department."

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### Budget woes

Granite City's budget problems—and city officials' attempts to meet the problems—continue to be a point of discussion here. See future issues of the newspaper.

### Cultural diversity

In the third of a four-part series, the Journal looks at cultural diversity and its impact on school, the workplace and home.

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## Opinions differ on TIF lawsuit

**PONTOON BEACH** — Village officials have differing opinions regarding a lawsuit initiated by Community School District 9 against the village.

The suit pertains to whether the village's actions in establishing the Chouteau Trace tax increment district comply with Illinois laws.

The suit alleges inconsistencies in the manner in which the vacant land was declared eligible to qualify for certain significant changes in the development plan for the area following a public hearing and claims the area would have been developed privately without creating a TIF district.

Norman Owca, director of finance for the school district, estimates that as much as \$10,000,000 in real estate taxes could be returned to real estate developers rather than the school district over the next 23 years as a result of the creation of a TIF district in the village.

Trustee Louis Whitsell, chairman of the TIF Commission, said Tuesday evening, the school district was filing suit ... They ordered Stan Lucas to stop development, and he sold the lots. He sold out ... as far as I know.

"The village is not building anything. The individuals that own those lots are building. And it just goes on and on. The things they (the school district) say, like they expect any relief or any remedy for this loss? They just want to stop it."

Whitsell said, "Now it seems to me like the best interest of the school district is to try to keep the TIF district open so it's self-supporting and paying for itself on a timely basis, and get (any losses the school district may incur) out of the way."

"Holding things back like some members of this village board do, is not the way to accomplish the growth and development of the area," Whitsell said.

sell said. Trustee Loren Madison had a different opinion, saying there were procedures that should have been followed in the formation of the TIF, but were not.

"The developer got \$39,000 in (reimbursable) expenses that were not (verified)," Madison said.

"The lawyers got over \$100,000 and there was no time card, no verification. There was no estimate on what we paid for the land (purchased by the village)."

"The school district is challenging it in circuit court," Madison continued, "and I can tell them things that aren't even mentioned in the suit. And if they call on me to testify, I'll have to tell them."

On a reported inflated purchase price paid by the village for land in the TIF, Whitsell said, "The purchase price went up, but so did the amount of land. When we first started negotiating, the village was just talking about getting the easements and rights of way. Then we wanted to negotiate so we wanted to control the frontage lots, which I wish we didn't now, because we have one tied up with McDonald's — so that acreage was added on to it."

And now the village owns all three of the frontage lots across Highway 111, all of the road rights of way, easements, and the park. And that acreage is some 20 acres.

In an interview that appeared in the Dec. 27, 1990 edition of the *Press-Record*, Whitsell said the "front lots ... were donated" (emphasis added) by the developer.

"We got the land for about half price," Whitsell concluded Tuesday, citing the price paid for other frontage property developed in the area such as the Hometown Restaurant.

Since 1988, Brown had served as assistant program manager in the Light Helicopter Project



Lt. Col. Fred E. Brown  
... new commander

## Price Center has new commander

GRANITE CITY — Lt. Col. Art Armour relinquished command of the U.S. Army Price Support Center in ceremonies on Monday at the center.

Lt. Col. Fred E. Brown was installed as the new Price Center commander by Maj. Gen. Donald R. Williamson, commander of the U.S. Army Aviation

Systems Command in St. Louis.

Since 1988, Brown had served as assistant program manager in the Light Helicopter Project

Managers Office collocated with AVSCOM. He was commissioned into the regular army in 1971 at the University of Arkansas.

Brown is a graduate of the Armor Officers Basic and Advanced courses at Fort Knox, Ky., and the Air Command and Staff College at Montgomery, Ala. He is a master aviator qualified in OH-58 Kiowa, the converted UH-1 Huey helicopter, and the AH-1 Cobra attack helicopter.

## Shaw named Syracuse U. head

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A Granite City native has been named the new chancellor of Syracuse University.

Kenneth A. Shaw was appointed to the position effective Aug. 20, it was announced Thursday by Clinton J. Whiting, chair of the Syracuse Board of Trustees. Shaw, who has been president of the University of Wisconsin since 1986, will succeed the retiring James C. Vassar.

"I am honored by the committee's action and look forward to the opportunity of following Mel Eggers, a colleague for whom I have the utmost respect and admiration," Shaw said.

Shaw said he was attracted to Syracuse because of its reputation at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, its strong sense of community, its location in a progressive and livable city and because it offered him the



Kenneth Shaw  
... new chancellor

opportunity to return to a nationally renowned institution.

As a university administrator, I was intrigued by the opportunity to work in a much

different private university environment where there are different types of challenges and opportunities and where there is a greater flexibility to deal with them," Shaw said.

Prior to becoming president of the University of Wisconsin, Shaw served as chancellor of Southern Illinois University system, president of Southern University of Illinois Edwardsburg and vice president of Towson State University.

In higher education circles, Shaw is known as a speaker and writer on the issues of multiculturalism and diversity.

Whiting said Shaw's record of innovation and initiative at the University of Wisconsin was very impressive.

"We are confident that these same skills will transfer upon Syracuse an even higher profile among the nation's private universities," Whiting said.

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## Perry fund raiser slated May 5

The Joey James Orchestra will be performing at a fund raising event on Saturday, May 5, for the candidacy of Fred Perry for Madison County Circuit Clerk.

The \$10 per person affair will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Edwardsville. Beer, soda and

snacks will be furnished.

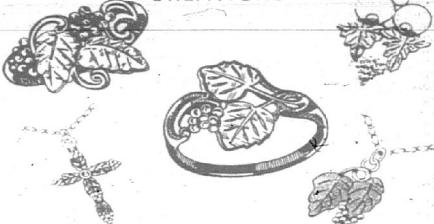
Perry, an Illinois state trooper for 29 years, announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for circuit clerk in the March 1992 primary election.

Perry, now is a circuit court

judge for Judge Nicholas G. Byron.

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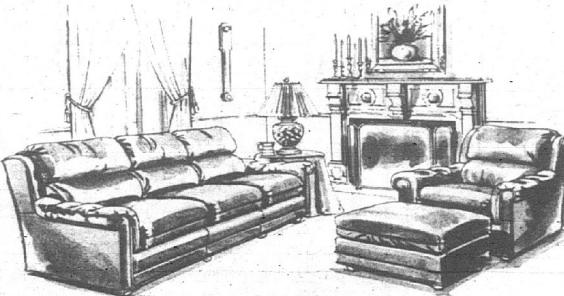
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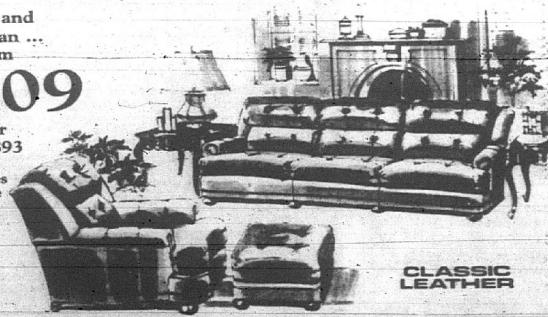
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# Probe of O'Donnell death continuing But grand jury finished

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — Although a Madison County grand jury completed its probe Thursday, an investigation into the death of a Bellville real estate developer remains open.

Collinsville Police Chief David Niebur said Friday that his department is continuing to investigate the death of Frank E. O'Donnell Sr. O'Donnell, 61, was found Nov. 17 lying on a bed in a room at the Quality Inn in Collinsville, apparently the victim of a heart attack. No autopsy was performed.

In late January, a St. Louis judge ordered O'Donnell's body exhumed for an autopsy. An autopsy showed a lethal dose of barbiturates in O'Donnell's body and an investigation by the Madison County coroner's office, the State Police's Division of Criminal Investigation and Collinsville police.

Chief Deputy Coroner Ralph Baehmann said that O'Donnell's death will be the subject of a coroner's inquest tentatively set for May 22 or 23.

Niebur said he was not surprised by the lack of indictments in the case Thursday, although he had originally anticipated some.

"During the last three weeks the tide kind of turned," Niebur said.

A witness, whom Niebur declined to name, failed to testify before the grand jury and "didn't help our case considerably," Niebur said.

The O'Donnell case has led Niebur to set "more comprehensive rules" regarding death-scene investigations.

Niebur said detectives and

full-time coroners will be dispatched to the scene of any death unattended by a doctor.

Collecting evidence, even by a police detective, would have made a "definite difference" in the O'Donnell case, Niebur said, where evidence was not gathered until several hours after O'Donnell's body was removed from the room.

"I take full responsibility for what happened because I'm the chief of police," Niebur said.

Niebur said he remains confident that the O'Donnell investigation will lead to a prosecution case.

"It would have been nice to have the case result in an indictment, but I still optimistic eventually the indictment of one person will occur," Niebur said.

Niebur declined to name the suspect.

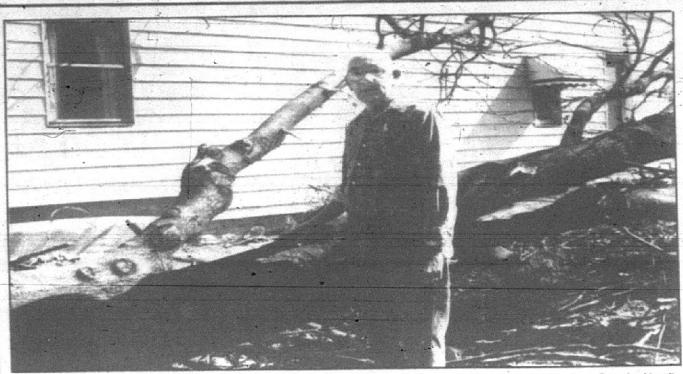
Earlier this month, Louis attorney James Martin said Collinsville businessman Gary Fears was the target of the police investigation. Fears is a former business partner of O'Donnell's.

Martin represents Dennis DeLuca and Danny Cox, both acquaintances of Fears.

Cox, one of the incorporators of Panama Jax, testified before the grand jury last month. DeLuca invoked his Fifth Amendment right not to testify, on Martin's advice.

Martin had said investigators were using coercive tactics to get both men to give testimony regarding Fears.

DeLuca and Cox were both indicted on federal drug charges earlier this month.



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**THE BIGGER THEY ARE...** Jim Reynolds stands alongside the tree that had been on his house for 10 years four weeks after being accidentally dislodged by a wrecking crew from East St. Louis that had demolished the house next door. The tree was removed by C.D. Peters Construction of Granite City at no charge to Reynolds.

## Mounds plans variety of May events

A wide variety of activities can be enjoyed during the month of May at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site.

Saturday, May 4, at 1 p.m., there will be a free presentation of traditional Indian songs and dances by Mike's Drum Group.

A free Family Storytelling Program presented by Chuma McIntyre, will be presented Sunday, May 5, at 1:30 p.m. McIntyre, an accomplished storyteller, is a Yup'ik Eskimo from the southwestern Alaskan village of Gambell. Her dancing and storytelling forms from traditional Eskimo culture. The program is being presented as part of the

12th annual St. Louis Storytelling Festival being held May 2-5 at various locations in the St. Louis area.

For those interested in the outdoors, there will be a free Nature/Culture Hike on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. An archaeologist and a naturalist will lead a 6-mile (10-kilometer) hike around the less visited areas of the Cahokia Mounds site, explaining the cultural features and archaeological sites hidden away on them.

They will also point out the natural resources utilized by the Indians. Participants should bring a bag lunch and wear appropriate clothing and shoes. The hike will be canceled in case of rain.

Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be a free beginning pottery workshop for adults taught by Tom Sampson from the Dickson Mounds Museum. Sampson, an expert prehistoric-style potter, will teach participants how to make Mississippian period clay vessels using a contemporary type patch, and looks nicer than filling in a hole here and a hole there."

Kids Day will be held Sunday, May 19.

## Alderman defends blacktop

By Bob Slaten  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — A 5th Ward alderman is defending his request to have the alley behind his home and business blacktopped.

Tom Candler, who was first appointed in January, then elected April 2, said the alley has needed the work for years.

Candler, who lives at 2507 Denver St. on his business, Tom's Auto Repair, in a building adjacent to his home.

Candler said he has requested the work every year for the last three years, but only recently had it been done.

"The alley is used as much as any alley in West Granite," Candler said.

He said residents of the area use the alley like a street, and the city department has been filling in holes in it for the last three years. Candler added that a lot of area residents park in the alley instead of in front of their homes.

"I asked them to fix it, and it finally got done," he said.

Street Superintendent Mac Warfield said he knows there have been blacktop crews at work throughout the area recently, but is not sure who put in the request for the work behind Candler's business.

Mark Reynolds of the street department said there were cuts in the alley four to six inches deep. "We just put some cold mix on it and spread it with a grader."

"We'll probably have to reshape it later this summer," Warfield said. "It's a temporary type patch, and looks nicer than filling in a hole here and a hole there."

"I'd do it for anybody," Reynolds added. "I'd do it on my own alley."

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# NBC's release of rape victim's name adds fuel to debate

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

**GRANITE CITY** NBC Television Network's recent decision to go against a long-standing journalistic practice and release the name of a rape victim has fueled a national debate.

NBC chose to release the name of a woman who claimed to have been raped while at a Florida Sen. Ted Kennedy's March 15, 1990, campaign stop. At the time, but was not part of the police investigation. No charges have been filed in the case.

Although several publications, including the New York Times, did not follow suit, NBC released the name, most media

including the Associated Press wire service, chose to withhold the name.

A number of national surveys indicated an overwhelming majority of the people in the United States believe NBC made the wrong decision. Granite City Police Chief Don Knight goes along with the majority of the people.

"NBC screwed up. Period," Knight said. "Naming a rape victim makes them more of a victim. It's demeaning, personal, when someone Armed robbery may be demeaning, but it's not so personal."

**MADISON COUNTY** Public Defender John Rekowski disagrees.

"We're not talking about rape victims; we're talking about

purported rape victims," Rekowski said. "Therein lies my answer. Yes, they should be named."

Newspapers print the names of defendants, who are presumed innocent, without hesitation. What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kit Morrissey, a former assistant state's attorney in Madison County, said she didn't agree with releasing a rape victim's name.

"I think rape is substantially different from other crimes and common decency would indicate you should protect the victim's right to privacy," she said.

**COLLINSVILLE** Attorney Don Weber, a private citizen attorney for Madison County and Ford County, also said rape victims should not be identified.

"It's a lot different from other violent crimes because you face the distinction of no consent," Weber said. "Victims of armed robbery don't have to prove they didn't ask for it. No one believes it's the victim's fault they were robbed. But they may believe it's the victim's fault they were raped."

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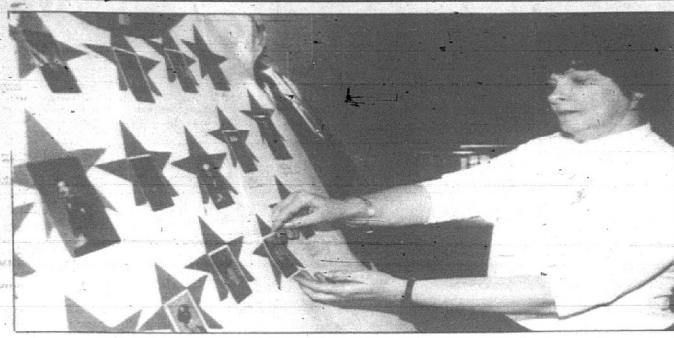
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**MILITARY IS SALUTED:** The Granite City Ambassadors are saluting the military personnel in Granite City by creating a traveling exhibit that will be placed at local businesses. Mary Henke adds the photo of Anthony Shaver, her son, to the exhibit. To have a member of your family included send a photo and information to the Mayor's office at 200 Edison Ave.

## Man gets 18 years for assaults of child

A Granite City man was sentenced to 18 years in a state prison Wednesday after pleading guilty to three counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault against his 7-year-old stepdaughter.

Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner recommended that Frank D. Theis, 25, of the 2600 block of Missouri Avenue, serve that time in a minimum security facility.

Theis had been charged with eight counts of aggravated crimi-

nal sexual assault on Dec. 11, 1990. Through plea negotiations between Assistant State's Attorney Sheila Drucker and defense attorney Harry Sterling, five of those counts were dismissed.

Also through the plea, Keshner accepted the minimum six-year sentence on each of the three counts. Theis could have been sentenced to 30 years on each of the counts and up to 60 years on each count if aggravating circumstances warranted it.

Keshner said.

The six-year terms are to be served consecutively for a total of 18 years. Keshner further recommended that Theis be evaluated and receive counseling services. Theis was given credit and prior to the plea is also to receive credit for any time served.

The charges stem from incidents from July to November 1990, in which Theis had sexual contact with a 7-year-old girl.

When given a chance to speak, Theis said, "I messed up."

Drucker said the charges were filed following a Department of Children and Family Services investigation launched after the child told a school social worker about the incidents.

The child reported that the assaults had begun while the child was living in California and continued after a move to Granite City last year. Theis denies the California assaults.

"It was a community project," said Faye Hafar, a teacher at the school. "One girl had a route in her neighborhood and would go around and collect cans from people."

Students at the school had begun a recycling program when

they received notice of the contest, Hafar said.

"A couple of weeks before the program started we began collecting cans," she said. "We really added impetus to what we were doing."

While most of the aluminum collected was in the form of cans, Hafar said the students found some aluminum and such larger items to use in the contest. One family had two johnboats damaged in a windstorm and the children kept after the parents until they took the boats to the recycling center, she said.

"We just recently tore down an old aluminum fence, and that was used too," Hafar said. Students at the school received a first-place award of \$250 from Reynolds Aluminum. That money was added to \$222 received from turning in the aluminum, and will be used to refurbish the school's garden and to buy containers for holding other products such as newspapers and plastic, Hafar said.

"Everyone has something to do with saving the earth," she said.

The second-place winners decided to take a different route to saving the earth.

The 78-student second-grade class at Larimore School in Spanish Lake collected about 500 pounds of aluminum cans, including a ladder and some aluminum siding. Their total amounted to 6.9 pounds per student.

The students used the money they received from turning in the aluminum to purchase a portion of tropical rain forest, teacher Marcine Lemke said. They decided to add their prize money, \$250 from World Resources Ltd., to their original funds to buy more forest, she said.

The third-place winners, St. John Catholic School from Imperial, Mo., received a \$200 from Schnucks Markets.

"I think they learned that recycling isn't that hard, it's something everybody can do," she said. "We are winners whether we really win or not."

## Women of Achievement luncheon deadline nears

The deadline is nearing for reservations to the 1990 Women of Achievement awards luncheon, May 17 at the Plaza-Carlton Hotel in Clayton. The *Suburban Journals* and KMOX Radio are sponsoring the noon program at which 10 outstanding women will be given awards for the significant contributions they have made to the St. Louis community.

Tickets are \$23 per person and may be ordered by sending a

check to: Women of Achievement, Suburban Journals, 1714 South Chouteau, Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63131. Checks should be made payable to the Suburban Journals.

Reservations are by mail order only. The deadline for reservations is Friday, April 26. Call at tables of 10. People wishing to sit together should make group reservations and pay at the same time. Those attending the luncheon on behalf of a par-

ticular honoree also should include the name of the honoree. Honorees will be announced by Monsignor John Ronquest and a welcome by St. Louis County Executive George "Buzz" Westfall.

Thomas R. Ritter, president of the *Suburban Journals*, and Robert Hyland, CBS senior vice president and KMOX Radio general manager, will honor the 10 community leaders. Music will be by the Lenny Klinger Ensemble.

## 5K Historical Walk

May 18, 1991  
Saturday



St. Elizabeth's Hospital  
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WALK '91 Start Time: 9 a.m.  
Packet Pickup 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

**Registration:** Pre-registration by mail (form below); postmarked by May 14, 1991. Registration in person until 3:30 p.m., May 15, in Health Education Center, Fifth Floor (Marketing Department), 220 W. Lincoln, Belleville. Late registration 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. event day.

**Course:** Start/finish at St. Elizabeth's Hospital teardrop parking lot (west of hospital). The 3.1 mile walk follows a scenic route through Belleville's historical district & past the Emma Kunz Museum.

**Awards:** Oldest walker will receive medal. The ten youngest walkers will get picture taken with Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs. (Youngest walkers must actually walk the course). Families welcome — bring your stroller and your camera!

All entrants will receive a Cobblestone Walk T-shirt, participation ribbon, and a light breakfast at the finish.

**Cost:** Pre-registration: \$7.00 or \$25 for a family of four. Event Day Registration: \$8.00

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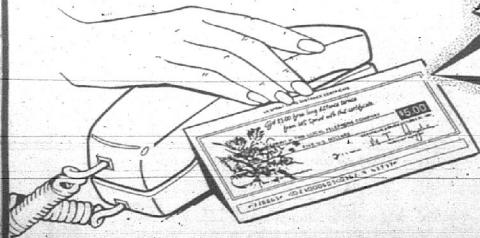
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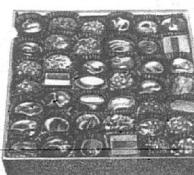
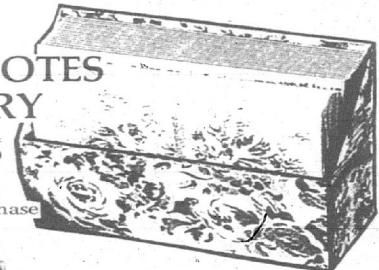
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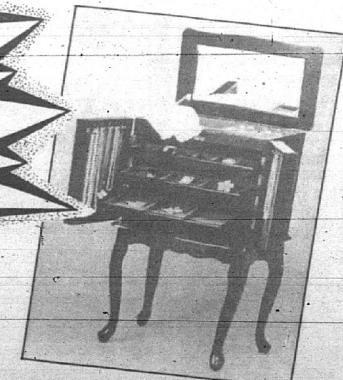
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## Obituaries



Clifford of Charleston, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lynn Tucker, who died in January 1970.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. today (Sunday) at Irwin Chapel, 3999 Maryville Road, Granite City. Prayer service will be at 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Burial Mass is pending at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2500 Washington Ave., with the Rev. Bill Fischerkeller officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

The family suggests memorials to Holy Family Catholic Church or the American Lung Association.

### Lovett

Gary Lomar Lovett, 37, formerly of Metro East for many years, died Friday, April 21, 1991, in the West Paces Ferry Hospital in Atlanta.

Mr. Lovett was born Nov. 26, 1953, in Chicago and then became a resident of the Metro East. He was employed as an educator for 12 years. He was a member of the Trinity Church of God in Christ, Madison.

Survivors include his mother, Linda Lovett; four brothers, Raymond Coleman, Clifton Lovett, Harding Lovett Jr. and Ronnie Lovett; and two sisters, Leesa Lovett and Lindy Lovett of Madison.

Funeral services were Saturday at Trinity Church of God in Christ, Madison with Elder Marvin Fields, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Greenville, Ill. Officer Funeral Home was in charge.

### Gusewell

Raymond E. Gusewell, 73, of Holiday Shores died Monday, April 22, 1991, at Alton Memorial Hospital.

He was born Oct. 19, 1919, in Prairietown, a son of the late Fred and Lena Gusewell.

He married LaVerne Deahl in 1946. She preceded him in death in 1985.

Surviving are three sons, Thomas Gusewell, Virginia Beach, Va.; Dan Gusewell of Burlington, Vt. and Neil Gusewell of Jacksonville, Ark.; two daughters, Sue Cullison of San Antonio, Texas, and Kathie Voyles of Germany; one sister, Eleanor Neimeyer of Belleville; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Gusewell worked for Dow Metal Co., Granite City, before retiring in 1981. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Prairietown.

Services were Wednesday at the Landers Funeral Home in Bunker Hill, and Thursday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Prairietown.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the church, with the Rev. John Karlen officiating.

Services were Tuesday at Offield Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. A.G. Williams officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens Memory Cemetery.

### Bates

Howard S. "Red" Bates, 76, of Granite City, died at 1:35 p.m. Friday, April 26, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after an illness of five months and hospitalization of two weeks.

Mr. Bates was born Aug. 11, 1915, in Wabash County, Ill.

He was employed by Union Electric for 32 years as a watchman. He retired in 1979.

He was of the Protestant faith and a member of the Operating Engineers Local #148.

He is survived by his wife, Alice (Wheatley) Bates, whom he married May 22, 1940, in Henderson, Ky.; two sons, Donald Bates of Glen Carbon and Jon Bates of Washington, Mo.; two brothers, Bernard Bates and Raymond Bates, both of Edendale, Ill.; one sister, Vera Shatto, of East Alton; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Isaac Bates and Flora (Shadrack) Bates.

Visitation will be held 4 p.m. today (Sunday) at Thomas Chapel, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Gardens near Edwardsville.

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## O'Shia

Paul Bernard O'Shia, 64, of Granite City, died at 11:20 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, after a two-month illness.

Mr. O'Shia was born Jan. 14, 1927, in Granite City, of which he was a lifetime resident.

He was employed by the school district as a janitor for 10 years. He retired in 1985.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and of the Protestant Faith.

Survivors include one daughter, Kim Gibson of East Alton; one son, Michael O'Shia, of Granite City; four sisters, Dorothy Becker, Audrey Nation and Sheila Thompson, all of Granite City; Frances Wickman, Winona, Mo.; two brothers, Joseph and Donald O'Shia, both of Granite City; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Floyd Joseph and Dorothy (Grover) O'Shia.

Visitation will be 3 to 9 p.m. today (Sunday) at Werner Chapel, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where services will be 10 a.m. Monday with the officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

### Glasper

Woodie Glasper, 69, of East St. Louis died at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 1991, in his home.

Mr. Glasper was born Feb. 21, 1922, in Collinsville, Miss., and had been a resident of East St. Louis for the past 33 years. He was formerly employed by the General Steel Casting Company in Granite City for 30 years prior to his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie Glasper of East St. Louis; three sons, Farris Glasper, Emmette Glasper and Frederick Glasper of East St. Louis; son-in-law, Billy E. Harper; two daughters, Phyllis Harper of St. Louis; and nephew, Murray of East St. Louis; two brothers, Clifton Glasper of Chicago and Charlie Glasper of Meridian, Miss.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Services were Tuesday at Offield Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. A.G. Williams officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

### Dudley

Ernest Dudley, 73, of East St. Louis died at 2 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, 1991, in Barnes Hospital, where he had been a patient for three days.

Mr. Dudley was born March 24, 1918, in Macon, Miss. and had been a resident of East St. Louis for 22 years. He was formerly employed as a security guard for the Army Engineering Corps, Granite City, prior to his retirement. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Dudley of East St. Louis; two brothers, James Dudley and John Dudley, both of Chicago; and four sisters, Rosie Lee Seals, Annie Lee Daniels, both of Chicago; Fannie Lee Green and Eula Raymond, both of Detroit.

Wake and funeral services were Thursday night at Officer Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was Friday at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

### Tucker

Mary L. (Mangiaracino) Tucker, 76, of Granite City, died at 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, 1991, at Jewish Hospital, after an illness and hospitalization for four months.

Mrs. Tucker was a homemaker. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City.

Survivors include once daughter, Maria Erickson of St. Louis; five brothers, George Mangiaracino of Venice; Joseph Mangiaracino of Las Vegas, John and Leroy Mangiaracino, both of Granite City, and Dominic Mangiaracino of St. Louis; two sisters, Catherine Buechel of Venice and Grace

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open."

Harrison said he was glad to have the mayor's participation—but noted that the street department had already seen a reduction in staff through attrition.

"We lost two men already (since the hiring freeze), and when I take office, we will lose another man off the street. We've only got 26 men now, and two of those will be foremen," Harrison explained.

"There are no vacations and sick leave," he continued, "you can count on about five men being gone each day in the summer. So we'll be down to about 19 men."

"We've got a lot of work to do ... but I think we'll really turn it around and the guys are going to do some good work for the city."

Alderman Don Brown, who sits on the Ad Hoc committee to investigate the city's financial woes, feels the mayor's proposal lists too many increases in revenue and not enough cuts in expenses.

"There are a lot of waste areas among the city's various departments," Brown said. "The city is (in effect) becoming the biggest hibernating hill in the area."

He said, as a member of the

Ad Hoc committee "with the minority view," he is preparing a report of his stance on the city's financial situation.

Brown produced a budget comparison of FY '87 and '91, which contains some interesting figures.

While the mayor's statement said city employees have received an average salary increase of just 3.5 percent over the last five years, Brown adds that 10 new jobs have been created, resulting in dramatic increases in departmental budgets.

For example, the executive department's total state payroll increased from \$1,090,900 in FY '87 to \$1,684,638 in FY 1991, according to Brown's figures, an increase of 51 percent.

A further breakdown of the figures show the mayor's staff is up 10 percent, from 20 to 22, and the city's total payroll is up 56 percent per year, Brown said.

As chairman of an Economic Planning staff and one more attorney added to the increased expenditures, Brown noted.

Other departments with substantial budget increases over the four-year period include Civil Defense (41 percent total), City

Clerk (38 percent total), and Engineering and Public Works (57 percent salary increases).

"Needless to say, I disagree with the mayor's assessment," Brown's fellow Fourth Ward Alderman Dan Partney said. He was not aware of the mayor's plans until he read about them in the *Press-Record*.

"I have received no report from the mayor's committee yet," Partney said, "and I think the only feasible way to find the right solution is to look at the Ad Hoc committee's recommendations. Are they different from the mayor's proposal? Are they parallel?" Frankly, I don't know at this time."

"But I can say I do have a problem with no proposed cuts in city staff. This city has seen a lot of budgetary decreases, and at the same time an increase in personnel."

As chairman of the city's Negotiating Committee, it was his belief that a cost-of-living proposal that wage increases for the various departments would have to be compensated for by cuts in personnel.

"I've worked very closely with the city comptroller (Kim Mac-

Taggart), and every figure I've needed shows me we're putting the city in a heck of a bind by giving any raises at all ... I hate to say this, but it appears to me the mayor is either misinformed or doesn't know what he's talking about."

Partney said all avenues must be explored before a definite solution is decided upon.

"No one person has all the right answers," he said. "It would behoove everybody to have the Ad Hoc committee report to the council as a whole."

"At this stage," Partney said, "I'm in no position to say what needs to be done. The council needs much more information before a decision can be made."

Asked why he thought so little information had been provided to the council, Partney said, "not too little, but none."

Partney said the city needs to get together with the other taxing bodies in the city, such as the school district, park district and the like, and agree to some kind of program to hold the line on property taxes which would be equitable for all.

"But I feel there's got to be some cuts made in the city if we're going to ask other taxing bodies to cut waste as well," Partney explained.

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"Besides, trash is different," their trash don't won't be picked up."

The proposal will undoubtedly have opponents, Whitaker said, and she doesn't blame people for being angry. But, she said, the city absolutely needs the extra revenue.

"It's either start charging or the city will have to start laying people off," she said.

Fourth Ward Alderman Dan Partney agreed with Whitaker that the right thing to do is make personnel layoffs. But, Partney said, that might not be a bad idea.

"At this stage, I have to say I'm open to changing for trash pickup," Partney said. "The mayor's proposals indicate he is not looking at personnel cuts and I can't support any

plan that doesn't have personnel

Partney said, there is some wisdom to charging for garbage pickup rather than raising property taxes. If property taxes were raised, he said, it would mean raising the taxes of the city's lower-income households. Businesses pay for a service (garbage pickup) they are not provided.

"Of course we want to protect the homeowners," he said. "But we can't afford to drive the costs of operating a business up. We can't afford to be driving businesses out of the community. That would defeat our whole purpose."

At this point in the budget crisis, Partney said, "No proposal is too stupid to be discussed and evaluated."

Still, Partney said, the only

thing he knows about the mayor's proposal is what is written on the paper. He said he will listen to the mayor's and other recommendations and do some research on his own, but "right now I don't see myself supporting it."

Alderman-elect Juanita Crawley, 1st Ward, was a long-time advocate for Granite City's senior citizens. She has said often that she wants to see her older people on fixed incomes the hardest.

"People aren't going to like paying for trash pickup, but people don't want higher property taxes either. After reading (the mayor's proposals) in the paper, I got to thinking it sure seems like going through an awful lot of things just to keep from raising property taxes.

"I just don't know. Something has to happen. There are so many things that have to be done, and the money to be done, the money going to come from."

Fourth Ward Alderman Dan Brown said a charge for garbage collection is the equivalent of a tax increase.

Brown, a member of the

mayor's Ad Hoc committee considering ways of cutting the budget. He said the committee is now preparing its report in which he represents the minority view.

"If the average taxpayer pays \$225 per household (each year) to the city in property taxes, and we decide to charge \$75 for trash pickup, that's a 75 percent increase in property taxes 33 percent," Brown said. "Needless to say, I disagree with the mayor's assessment."

At the end of the start-up of 5-foot

sidewalks along each side of Pontoon Road, which will be resurfaced and each end of the existing culvert at Long Lake and to place additional embankment materials there.

A & J Market and Huck's Convenience Store are located at Lake Drive and Pontoon Road, where a log in the roadway crosses the sidewalk straightening out, Wilson said.

Preparation work for installing the new curvlets is expected to begin soon.

Trustees also approved a resolution agreeing to a letter of understanding with the state highway department for resurfacing and improvements on Chain of Rocks Road between Illinois 118 and Illinois 152.

Village Attorney Keith Jensen recommended IDOT's proposal and said the project "would be tremendous benefit."

Although IDOT and the state will bear the primary cost of the resurfacing project, estimated at \$236,000, the village must take responsibility for relocation of any village-owned utilities. No utility lines owned by the village are located in the vicinity.

"Sand Road would not be improved, other than just the normal apron work," Jensen advised, responding to a question.

Sand Road enters old Chain of

Rocks Road in the area where resurfacing is planned and lies west of the bridge boundary.

Approval of plans and specifications by the village was required prior to the state advertising for bids on performing the work.

In addition to pavement resurfacing and shoulder work, the state will conduct site surveys, prepare plans and specifications, receive bids and award the contract.

Also included are engineering inspections and payment of incidental costs, plus the cost of painting permanent markings upon completion of the improvements.

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### Madison County officials worry over delay in St. Clair 911 system

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

In the Persian Gulf, Ernest Mitchem was between assignments. He was attending the Advanced Non-Commissioned Officers Course at the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy and Lois Mitchem said his next assignment was an "on again, off again" situation.

But, just before he graduated, orders came—Ernest Mitchem was headed to Saudi Arabia. He left the day after Christmas last year. Since his future assignment...was still uncertain, Lois Mitchem came to live with relatives in Granite City.

Beth Damrath, his 10-year-old granddaughter, had her class write letters to Ernest Mitchem.

Having learned a lesson about what is hard for people of any age, Beth began plans to plant a tree in Ernest Mitchem's honor.

"Maybe it's because he was my husband," said Lois Mitchem said. "But I think his effort in life needs to be recognized. He was a good person and a life like his deserves some type of acknowledgment."

"My husband," said Lois Mitchem said. "I think his effort in life needs to be recognized. He was a good person and a life like his deserves some type of acknowledgment."

"I'm assuming he means Illinois," Beth said. "But I think his personnel to enter it (into its data base) and run it against their MSAG," Grogan said.

For the 911 program, all rural addresses must be changed to street addresses. Grogan said

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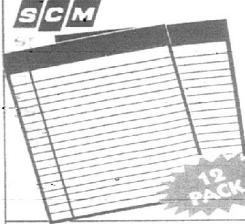
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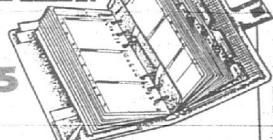


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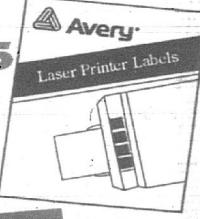
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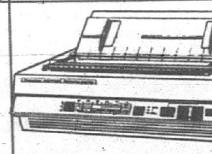
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# 65 and over softball team ready for Senior Olympics

**By Mike Kelly**  
Staff writer

**GRANITE CITY** — The mind is a powerful thing. It can control the body, building confidence and determination for an athlete on the mend or preparing himself for a lofty challenge.

Such fate hovers over Granite City's Senior Olympic team for players age 65 and over. At the national tournament held in St. Louis two years ago, the team came in third place, fifth even though it competed in the 55 and under division. The group is looking for better results in this year's U.S. Senior Olympics, to be held in Syracuse, N.Y., on June 28-July 2. This time they will be in the 65 and over division.

"We actually could have finished third at the national tournament two years ago," said 65-and-over manager John Allen of Collinsville. "But we made a couple of mistakes running the bases and we had to settle for fifth. We're determined to make a better showing this time. That's what the mind is so important."

"It was the first time the Senior Olympics held a tournament for softball. We came away feeling pretty good about



(Staff photo by Mike Kelly)

SENIOR OLYMPIANS: Front row, left to right, Charles Cable, John Allen, Alex Schutzenhofer and Bob Bixler. Middle row: Ed Hoff, Gus Lignoul, Boyd McCamis, John Howard, "Lefty" Harris. Back row: Les Thompson, H. Babe Ameling, Don Burnett and Mike Tardino.

outperforming our age group."

But what makes an athlete push himself at that age?

"We're just a competitive group of guys," Allen said. "Most of us have been playing ball for nearly 40 years. You love the competition, and you

can't get it out of your system. You just develop an athletic way of life to stay active."

Apparently, the Granite City group isn't alone in its quest. Since the Olympic committee expanded that tournament to a 65 and over division this season, 40

teams have applied to play in the national tournament. More than 4,000 athletes in that age bracket will also participate at the festival, which consists of events. But Granite City is the only softball team from the St. Louis area — and, in fact, the

state of Illinois — in the 65 and over category.

We're very proud of that fact," Allen said. "Most of our team members (14 players) are from Granite City. Some have played for Collinsville, Fairview Heights, Florissant (Mo.), St. Charles (Mo.), Cape Girardeau (Mo.), and Madison. We just have the desire to succeed and compete."

That's why the mind is so important. No matter what type of injury you have, the mind will help mend. If you believe you can do something, it will be accomplished.

Some of the team members, including Allen, who earned a silver medal in the discus at the Senior Olympics in 1989, will also compete in the track and field events. Lee Schutzenhofer, 67, will throw the javelin and in the 100-meter dash. Teammate Bob McComms, 68,

will run the 50-meter dash. Charles Cable will enter the high jump competition.

To stay sharp, the team is playing a series of exhibition games against teams from the Wilson Park Senior League and St. Louis. They also practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Wilson Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in preparation for the national tournament.

The team will also play in a four-team regional at SIUE on May 4. They'll be the only team over 65.

The team is seeking additional sponsors for the national tournament and a few more players for their exhibition schedule. Illinois Distributing of Belleville has donated caps and jerseys for the team. Says Allen:

"Our door is always open for a few more sponsors and players. Allen said. "You can't go very far without them."

## Bowland notes

Bruce David rolled an 832 series at Bowland on March 13. He had games of 276, 278 and 278.

David is a junior at Granite City High School and has been bowling for 13 years. He is the son of Bruce and Debbie David.

There were seven local winners in the Zone 5 tournament held at Bowland on March 13. Advancing to the next level in Bloomington were Paul Kacera, Chris Ousley, Chris Hartman, Mike Schwaller, Doug Buehrer, John Cozari and Viola Weber.

Results are final for several Bowland leagues. In Bantams, the first-place team consisted of Travis Papp, Ashley Holmes and Joseph Colyer. The second-place team was Justin Riddle, Timmy Frost, Kyle Bailey and Jimmy Baile. In the girls division, the most improved bowler was Shelly Pulaski (15 pins), high average was Lindsay Martin (101 pins); second was Sara Rinehart (237) and high game was Shelly Pulaski (130). In the boys division, most improved was Joseph Colyer (131 pins); high series was Jason Call (154); high series was Mike Schwaller (153); high game was Ryan Anderson (223).

Juniors: First place was David Johnson, John Cozari, Chris Hartman, Jason Cundiff and Theresa Dames. Second was Danny Roady, David Badgett, Lisa Badgett and Michelle Colbert. Girls: most improved, Michelle Colbert (136 pins); high average, Theresa Dames (155); high series, Lisa Badgett (471).



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high series was Kimberly Greer (114); high series was Sherri Freeman (375); high game was Angelia Carney (165). In the boys division, most improved was Joseph Call (11 pins); high series was Jason Call (154); high series was Mike Schwaller (153); high game was Ryan Anderson (223).

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Majors: First place was Bruce David Jr., Terri Johnson and John Cozari. Second place was Doug Buehrer, Doug Dunlap and Sam Newby. Girls: most improved, Amy Martin (9 pins); high average, Terri Johnson (174); high series, Amy Martin (443); high game, Sara Newby (107). Boys: most improved, Steve Chapman (14 pins); high average, Doug Buehrer (222); high series, Bruce David Jr. (794); high game, Paul Roan (280).

Scratch: First place was Doug Buehrer and Dave Dunlap. Second was Chris Brown and Jerry Owens (Bobby Bonds bowed for Owens). Girls: most improved, Kellie Gregory (13 pins); high average, Linda Weber (133); high series, Terri Johnson (635); high game, Theresa Dames (246). Boys: most improved, Chris Brown (13 pins); high average, Doug Buehrer (222); high series, Jason Wonders (771); high game, Jason Stroud (290).

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## Barnidge

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*Catalog* is a boxscore of a National League game between the Chicago White Stockings and the St. Louis Browns on May 1, 1878. I can read the boxscore without much trouble. I'd be surprised if I could do the same with the boxscores of May, 1, 1991.

Baseball has gone number crazy. And it's making even the most hard-core fans nuts.

Long ago English Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli apparently liked to utter a line that went: "There are lies, damned lies, and statistics."

Go get 'em, Ben, and toss in damned statistics for me.

I often want to be backward about this. I find Bill James useful. The *Elias Baseball Analyst* is giberish, but kind of entertaining giberish. Monthly meetings of SABR groups keeps those

people off the street. But real...

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I like to read through the boxscores when I get up in the morning. Usually I'm wearing a robe and a snarl. I'm not dressed for or in any mood for something that requires a key to decipher.

The other morning I picked up the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. I knew the Cardinals had beaten the Chicago Cubs on Felix Jose's bomer in the ninth inning off relief ace Dave Smith because I was listening to the game with my wife while I worked. I wanted that morning was to see the boxscore to catch up on the rest of the numbers. A simple request.

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## Hogan

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But there, in the Cubs pitching line, was this:

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Get back, Jack. What the hell is that?

I'll tell you what that is. Gunk. Muck. BS.

As gummied up as boxscores have become, worse yet are the scores, stats, graphs, Today, and sister publication of USA Today, tosses in categories like IR/HSC (inherited runners/inherited runners scored) and (tb+bb+hb) (total bases plus walks plus hits by pitcher).

Even *The Sporting News*, the Bible of baseball, turned Yellow Pages of goofy stats, makes you work to pull a player's season numbers out of its team listings. There are 28 columns of numbers. Thirty-eight columns! For every hitter!

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(Dennis Barnidge is a sports columnist for the Suburban Journals.)

man."

Hogan has been picked off the catalyst of the SUE offense. He's on pace to set Cougar records in runs and walks. He has scored 10 runs and walked 32 times. The SUE records in those respective categories are 59 (Aaron Eberlin in 1987) and 46 (Mike Allard in 1972).

Barring injury, and with a solid second season, Hogan could also set next Cougar career records in those categories. Vogel scored 151 career runs (Hogan presently has 100), 75, and Hogan walked 110 times. Hogan is 100%.

Both of those players played four full seasons for the Cougars, while Hogan will play only three.

"There's a certain role batting lefty," said Hogan, "natural righthander batter who started switch-hitting a couple years ago. 'Batting left-handed was hard at first, but now it's been easier. I'm hitting a lot more often because there are more right-handed pitchers."

"But I think I'm hitting about the same from both sides. And I'm stronger this year."

Hogan actually hit two home runs during the Cougars' spring trip to Georgia — one from each side of the plate.

"The other guys were saying 'Mickey Mantle, Eddie Murray and Tim Hogan,'" he said. "I

worked out a lot with weights in the off-season with a guy named Carl, who is from Granite City. He helped me a ton. I think I had six doubles last year and that was it. This year I have 10 doubles, two triples and two home runs. And the line drives I'm hitting are going deeper in the gaps."

Hogan is striking out a little more (16 times in 134 at-bats) than he did in high school, when he fanned only four times his entire senior year. But the one part of his game he would like to improve is more in his throwing arm, something which has always been one of his strong points.

"I think I threw four or five guys out at the plate last year, but for some reason my arm isn't working this season," he said. "It's not sore. It just feels tired a lot of the time."

Hogan would also like to move back to center field, but Todd Carter is a fixture there for the Cougars.

And Carter is also a junior. But guys named Brock, Coleman, Henderson and Raines all play or played left field ... As a leadoff man, Tim Hogan is following right along. At the same time, he's leading the way for the Cougars.



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## Family

**Youth orchestra set for May concert**

By Alicia Ruehrwein  
Staff writer

The St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra, which gathers some of the best musical talent from around the metropolitan area, will showcase that talent in a concert May 19.

The concert will be the youth orchestra's final one of the season and will be at Powell Symphony Hall. It will be preceded by the *Suburban Journals*, which was a sponsor of both the December and March concerts.

May's program is a blending of contemporary and classic music, said Peggy Neilson, manager of the youth orchestra.

As a farewell to Donald Erb's final season as composer-in-residence for the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the youth orchestra

will open with his piece, "Treasures of the Snow." It is abstract music drawn by literary reference in the Bible. The piece was written in 1974 for the youth orchestra.

Aaron Topler, a senior at University High School and winner of the youth orchestra's piano concerto competition, will perform Liszt's first piano concerto.

"The concerto is a difficult piece of music," Neilson said. "It's a good show piece."

The orchestra will end with Saint-Saens' "Organ Symphony," a French piece with two piano parts written in 1865.

"It's quite unusual," Neilson said.

Auditions for the youth symphony are held every fall.

The orchestra is designed as an addition to instruction in music that members receive

through their school programs," Neilson said.

Youth orchestra members range in age from 12 to 22 and live within a 75-mile radius of St. Louis, she said.

**AARP to hear talk on memory**

"Memory Changes with Age" will be the topic of a discussion at a meeting of the American Association of Retired Persons, Chapter 2237, at 1:30 p.m. May 14 at the Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons Auditorium,

"It introduces students to the structure and atmosphere of a professional orchestra," Neilson said. "They have a chance to be in more of a competitive atmosphere."

201 N. Church St. in Belleville. Marge Scovitch, a registered nurse with the "Memory Changes" program, will be addressing the topic.

Attendance prizes will be awarded, and gifts will be awarded to three mothers.

**Greekfest planned in May**

The Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church is sponsoring its annual Greekfest May 24-26 at 405 Huntwood Road off Illinois 159 in Belleville.

The event will feature traditional Greek food—shish-ka-bob, Grecian chicken, gyros, hotdogs, and mouthwatering Greek pastries baked by the ladies. Other specialties include baklava, spinach pie, souvlaki, custard tarts and more.

Baked goods and other drinks will be featured, along with Greek and American music and games for the kids.

The festival will run from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on May 24, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on May 25 and 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 26.

**Youth symphony discount available with coupon**

*Suburban Journals* readers can obtain exclusive half-price tickets to the May 19 concert of the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra, made up of 100 of the most talented local youth musicians.

As the concert sponsor, the *Journals* are authorized to offer a 50-percent-off coupon. To obtain the half-price ticket, *Journal* readers merely need to clip the accompanying coupon and present it at any Metrotix outlet or at the Powell Hall box office, Grand and Delmar boulevards.

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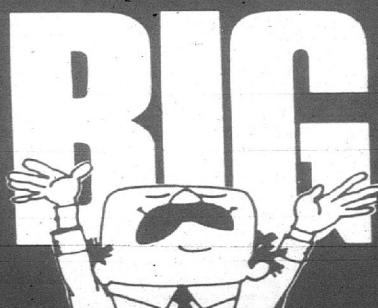
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# School

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**FIRST PLACE WINNERS** First Place Winners at Holy Family School in the Young Author's contest are Nicole Knobeloch, left, and Jeanie York.

## Holy Family cites Young Authors

Students at Holy Family School are not suffering from a writers block. Many fine manuscripts were created and submitted for the Young Author's contest.

The students were given the basic writing guidelines for producing a piece of work with setting, plot, characterization, conflict, action, climax, and resolution. The authors spiced their books with excitement by adding sensory emotions and details to their story lines.

Five students were given special honors for their books. Mary Wiesenborn wrote "Mr. Wolf"; Mark Miller created "Mike and

Ike"; Matt Wiesenborn penned "Best Friends"; David Reznak wrote "The Elves"; David Barnhart, Elizabeth Barr, Christine Biernacki, Tim Black, Derek Blomberg, Deborah Burmeister, Randall Burgess, Deborah Burmeister, Cordean Burnett, Larry Burns Jr., Jennifer Carnahan,

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## 1,181 are named to winter quarter SIUE dean's list

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville had 1,181 students qualify for the dean's list for the winter quarter.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must maintain a grade point average of 4.5 or better and have 12 hours calculated.

Local students qualifying for the list include:

**GRANITE CITY:** Michael Barnhart, Elizabeth Barr, Christine Biernacki, Tim Black, Derek Blomberg, Deborah Burmeister, Randall Burgess, Deborah Burmeister, Cordean Burnett, Larry Burns Jr., Jennifer Carnahan,

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Jones, Kimberly Joyce, Brigitte Kittel, Cynthia Kraus, Eric Lavell, Shelly McClelland, Harold McCollum;

Sean McGovern, Darlene McQuaide, Edward Meltzer, Melanie Mertz, Patricia Meyer, Christine Mills, Kimberly Morgan, Kim Myracle, Heather Nobus, Clinton Parish, Elizabeth Parker;

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**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:** Some of the 40 students from Niedringhaus School who won blue ribbons, honorable mention or medallions at the Elementary Science Fair at Prather School. More than 100 Niedringhaus pupils entered the contest. Medallion winners were Allyson McDowell, fourth grade; Adams Stevens, first grade; and Kyle Revelle, kindergarten.

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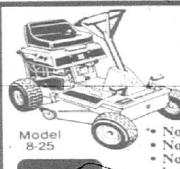
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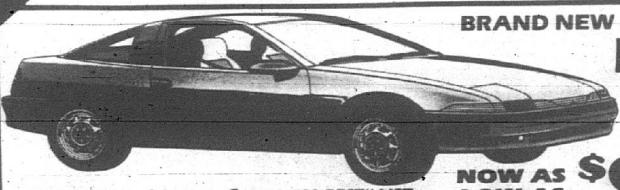


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**STUDENTS OF MONTH:** Seventh grade students at Grigsby Junior High School Jason Cox, left, and Tricia Cavins, were named Students of the Month for March.



**TOP STUDENTS:** Students of the Month for March in the eighth grade at Grigsby Junior High School are Brad Graves, left, and April Glowacki.

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Brand was selected by Eureka College faculty on the basis of her audition, presentation of portfolio and demonstration of academic and cocurricular excellence.

Brand will graduate from Granite City Senior High School this spring. In high school she has been active in drama, Speech Team, International

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**DONATE TO DARE:** Sixth-grade students in Dan James' class at Niedringhaus School collected soda cans for recycling in the cafeteria during lunch hour for several months and donated the money they earned to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Fund. Granite City DARE Officer Walter Milton Jr. accepts the check from Sarah Signall and Amanda Dunnivant, class members.

### Family bowling for Cub Pack 14

Cub Pack 14, sponsored by Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of Granite City, held a family bowling party on April 7 at the Granite City Bowl.

The event was organized by Cubmaster Susan Shafer.

Cub Scouts and others participating included: Jacob, Sherre

and Bill Knuckles, Susan and Ronald Shafer, Steven and Mark Light, Andy Hartline, Billy Light, Jason, Mallie, Brian, Brian, Jason, Cheri and Ben Taylor, Robert, Robbie Gerber, Dustin Lawson, Harriet, Gerald, Terry and John Hull and Joshua Turner.

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**PARKVIEW WINNERS:** Four students at Parkview Elementary School receive medallions, the highest honor at the annual School District 9 science fair, for their entries. From the left are Jeff Klee, Katie Dellamano, Brandon Houser and Amanda Crabtree.

### Registration soon for kindergarten

Kindergarten registration for the 1991-92 school year will be held at the Venice Elementary School in the kindergarten room beginning Monday, May 13, through Thursday, May 16, from 8:30 until 11 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Children who will be five years old or younger Sept. 1, 1991, will be eligible to register for kindergarten classes.

A birth certificate and immunization record must be presented at the time of registration for kindergarten students. Physical and dental examinations are also

required before attendance in kindergarten may begin in the fall of the 1991-92 school year. These forms are available to parents at the time of registration.

Illinois law states that no child may enter school for the first time without the following immunizations: whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, rubella, (measles) and rubella (three-day measles).

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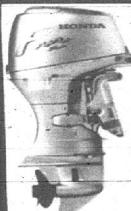
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### Parker graduates at Eastern Illinois

James C. Parker was a March graduate of Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, where he received a bachelors of science degree in elementary education.

He is the son of Jim and Sharon Parker and the grandson of Keith and Clara Parker and Chris and Ann Hamilis, all of Granite City.

Parker is enrolled at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, working toward a master's degree in administration.

### Cedor to receive seminary degree

FORT WORTH, Texas — William David Cedor Jr. received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during commencement ceremonies May 10.

Cedor is the son of William Walter Cedor Jr. of Columbia, S.C., and Mary R. Hoffman of Granite City.

Cedor is married to Donna Kay, daughter of the late William W. of Vandalia and June L. (Pope) of Granite City. Cedars home church.

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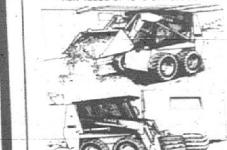
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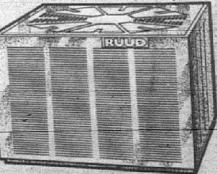
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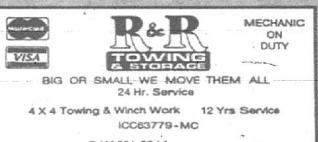


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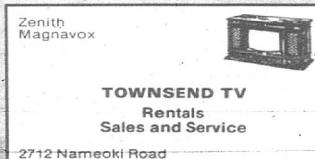


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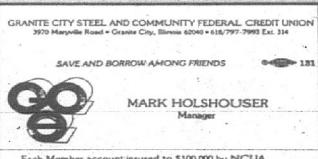
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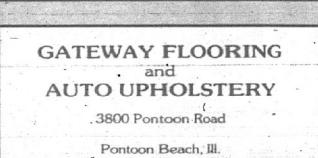


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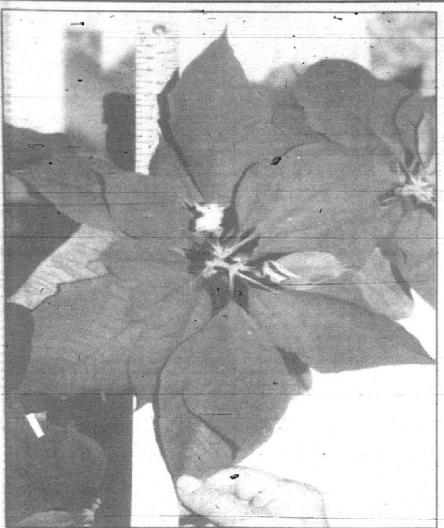
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### Carnival glass program given

The Nauvoo Women's Club gathered at the Harold Brown Building for their April 17 meeting. Following the devotions by Ella Wade, the group enjoyed a dessert luncheon served by Maxine Maas, Doris Greve and Verne Staub.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lee showed their collection of Carnival Glass and gave a history of the collection.

A short business meeting followed after the group repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Mable Gertsch, president.

A roll call and minutes were read by Dolores Allen, recording secretary. The treasurer report was given by Bernadine Cooley.

Members who are in the hospital at the present time or who

have been recently were remembered, they are Mary McCollum, Mildred Branding and Mildred Jungels.

The May meeting will be held at Ralph and Charlie's Restaurant with luncheon and entertainment being planned.

The group will disperse with meetings until September.

In attendance was one guest, Bonnie Fisher. Members attending in addition to those mentioned before were Frieda Burgdorf, Lucille Etheridge, Edna Forcade, Maude Graham, Dorothy McCauley, Millie Meek, Shirley Miller, Alice Morrison, Elsie Rodell, Marian Shelton, Lucille Tabor, and Irma Taylor.

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## Temperance Union presents contest awards

The Granite City-Madison County Women's Christian Temperance Union was held at the Central Free Methodist Church in Pontoon Beach Monday, April 22.

A record number was present for the annual awards night program focusing on winners in the essay, poster and coloring contests.

The essay and poster contests are in three levels, fifth and sixth grades; junior high and high school.

Winners in the fifth and sixth grades were: Amanda Kapilla, first; Jessie Johnson, second; and Jamie Goodwin, third.

Junior high winners were: Tiffany Federle, first; Amanda

Ghumbley, second; and Mathew Portell, third.

High school winners were: Amy Borth, Michael McClintock and Lisa Wood, first through third.

Coloring contest winners were: First grade, Wesley Yeager, John Kapilla and Rachel Wilfong; second grade, Leslie Renfro, J.D. Guss and John Greathead; and third grade, Kim Cormode, Bethany Carlson and Kevin Buckingham.

Theme of the essay and poster contests concerned the harmful effects of alcoholic beverages, drugs and tobacco.

Another event of the evening was the White Ribbon Recruit Service for children from birth

to 6 years old. The parents promise to teach their children the principles of total abstinence as the Christian way of life and a white ribbon is tied on the child's wrist.

The children who were received as White Ribbon Recruits were: Clancy Bowser, Hannah Cook, David and Elizabeth Hubbs and Courtney and Colin Testerman.

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### Conference draws state Eagle figures

The Eagles Southern Zone Conference held in Mount Vernon April 19, 20 and 21, 1991, attended by Eagles Auxiliary members, Ruth Jorgensen, Angie Buehler and Vincie Zerlan and by Aerie members, Harold Love and Bob Stanton.

The auxiliary meeting was held on Saturday afternoon at the VFW Hall as the Aerie was conducting its meeting at the same time at the Eagles Hall.

State President, Kathy Dullea, and state line officers and state project managers who spoke briefly about their charitable projects.

Membership Chairman, Stephanie Smith handed out membership gifts for signing up new members.

Grand Madam Past President

### Anchorage Seniors celebrate birthdays

The monthly birthday and potluck dinner was held at Anchorage Homes by the Senior Citizens Club. The meeting was called to order by the President Vera Lynn.

Birthdays were: Edna Wissat, Carrie Durrell, Buster Goodwin and Mary Davies. Happy Birthday was sung.

Donations of prizes were given by Juanita Crawley and Casmir Skubish.

A sing-a-long was held. Mary

Ahlvers accompanied on piano.

Janeen Johnson, a new member, was a guest. Her guests were his grand children, Dianne and Jimmie Messenger, Rhonda and David Lee DeWitt were guests of Carrie Durrell. Tom and Juanita Crawley were also guests.

A special "thank you" was said to Vera Lynn, who cooked beans, ham, and corn bread. Members brought salads and desserts.

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## Muny Starfest suffers from competition

**David Fay**, the newly named special consultant to the Muny, said chances are slim for a "Starfest" at the Muny this summer.

He said this is because of Contemporary Productions' opening in June of the Riverport Performing Arts Center. The outdoor theater in the Riverport development at 1-70, and the Earth City Expressway in Maryland Heights, will have about 7,000 permanent reserved seats and last-seating for 13,000. The seats seat about 11,000 people.

"They're [Contemporary] buying everything in sight, giving financial terms to the acts that just can't match," Fay said.

"But new venues like the Riverport always have a way of starting very successfully. The acid test will be three or four years down the line when they'll find out if they can indeed sustain the business they need to make money."

Stages has been an important part of the Muny's summer operation since it helped defray any financial losses from normal musical productions.

Fay's appointment as special consultant to the Muny is a positive indication that he may be the successor to The Muny's current president, Bill Culver, who



**Harry Hamm**

has been in poor health.

"My job is to provide organizational development and long-range planning," Fay said. He also executive produced at Fox Theater and was involved with the success of Chicago productions of the Broadway hits "Lend Me A Tenor" and "Private Life To A Kiss."

"We raised \$525,000 in February to mount the two shows in Chicago, and they are both returning their entire investment this week," he said.

Fay said the two shows continue to do strong business and eventually will play the Fox.

### ROSEBUD RETURNS

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Marion Welles Pictures, Citizen Kane, Paramount Pictures is distributing a limited number of new prints that will be available for viewing beginning May 1, the day the film

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St. Louis is not on the list of nine cities initially getting the film. However, an additional 15 prints soon to be released will tour the country and, hopefully, make a stop in St. Louis this summer. A theater or date has not yet been set but a week at the Creve Coeur Cine, which has developed a minor cult, would be a specialty film house, is a good bet.

Doug Whitford, Wehrenberg Theaters' film buyer said he is negotiating with Paramount to bring the film to the Creve Coeur.

### THE HOMETOWN TOP 5

The hottest acts in St. Louis for the past week were

AMC—"Mortal Thoughts," "Defending Your Life," "Out For Justice," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II" and "The Silence of the Lambs."

Wehrenberg—"Mortal

Thoughts," "Out For Justice," "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"

"Scenes From A Mall,"

"Nothing But Trouble," "Guilty

By Suspicion," "If Looks Could Kill," "Career Opportunities" and "Eve of Destruction."

All these films took in less than \$10 million before falling off the box office Top 10 list in a given week.

"Spartacus" returns.

Director Stanley Kubrick's "Spartacus," the landmark film from 1960 starring Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier, Jean Simmons, Charles Laughton, Peter Ustinov and Herbert Lom, returns to St. Louis May 3 for a limited engagement at the Creve Coeur Cine.

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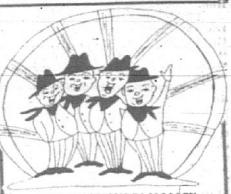
will be shown in selected major markets this weekend.

"Spartacus" won four Oscars,

including Best Supporting Actor for Peter Ustinov and Best Cinematography.

Harry Hamm is entertainment editor for KMOX-AM (1120) and the CBS Radio Network.

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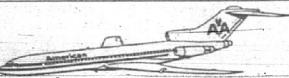
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## 'Toy Soldier' Coogan disclaims family influence

Keith Coogan is new enough to the movie business that he prefers a low-key approach to answering questions about the film he has made.

When asked how he came to be cast in "Toy Soldier," the 21-year-old Coogan lays it on the line.

"As usual, before you audition for the part, the script comes through your agent and you read it," Coogan said. "I thought it was awful. It wasn't a great read."

"Toy Soldiers" is the story of an exclusive northeastern boys' school that gets taken hostage by an elite squad of expertly trained commandos bent on recharging the legend of South American drug czar who has been extradited to the United States.

"But I did want to go up for the role," Coogan said. "I eventually went to Coogan's friend, Sean Astin, but the studio said I wasn't quite right for it, so I auditioned anyway and got the role of Snuffy, an asthmatic who chain smokes," Coogan said.

"I played him like Republican white trash, and, actually, it turned out to be a lot of fun and the picture got a lot better because of some script revisions we made during the actual shooting," he said.

Coogan made his motion picture debut in 1987 in the hit kids' comedy, "Adventures in Babysitting."

ing." He then went on to star in the films "Hiding Out," "Under the Boardwalk," "Cousins," "Cheetah" and the recently released "Boys of Love."

Coogan will also be seen this summer in a comedy titled, "Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead," which he described as "a chick flick."

Coogan is the grandson of film legend Jackie Coogan, but he said that didn't affect his decision to be an actor.

"I wasn't familiar with what my grandfather was or did," Coogan said. "When I was a kid, I was into shows on public television like 'Zoom,' the 'Electric Company' and other type of programs. My interest in acting came about because I wanted to be on those shows, not because of who my grandfather was. I didn't want to do movies. I wanted to do television."

"My mother was against me going into any kind of show business though," Coogan recalled. "She remembered how my grandfather had lost most of his money and the bad feelings he had about the industry before he died."

"But she let me give it a shot, and overall, I've really genuinely enjoyed it. It's not much work and you get way overpaid for what little you do," Coogan said.

Coogan said that since his grandfather always said what

was on his mind, the fact that they were related might have helped him prepare for his role.

He first started trying out for film roles in 1985. He remembered that half the people who remembered his grandfather had fond thoughts about him and the other half had bad ones.

So he's related to that Coogan. "I had to make the distinction that I wasn't him."

Coogan said that while his family did not have a lot of money when he was growing up in west Los Angeles, the family did live near the beach so that the ocean kind of became what Coogan describes as "his playground."

"Our neighborhood was kind of a mellow place when compared to the rest of L.A., but I unmellowed when I started school and was quickly dubbed the class clown," Coogan said.

"I was told I was disruptive in class when I was only 8, but it was because I was always reading. By the age that school was boring to me. My favorite book that year was 'Mutiny On the Bounty,' and the rest of the kids were still looking at the books with lots of pictures. I used to hold my hand in class and say, 'Teacher, I have another opinion' or 'There's another solution to that.' The teachers hated me, really," Coogan said.

"When you've been doing it all your life, it kind of comes easy."

Coogan said about acting, "I'm really into it, maybe a little bit about it. You can either do it or you can't. But it never hurts to learn as much as you can, and, right now, I'm interested in learning more and honing my skills."

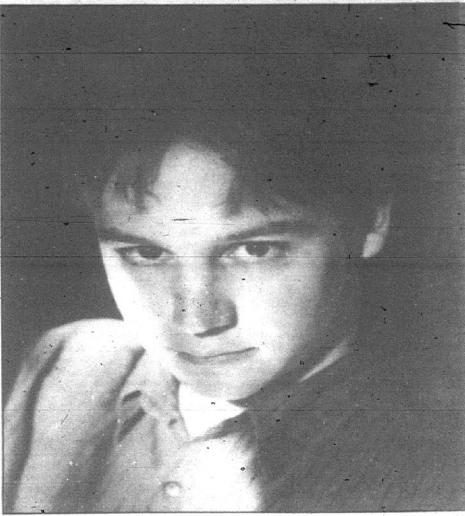
Coogan, who landed his first television commercial when he was 4, said that more than 16 years of standing in front of cameras has given him the desire to do work on the other side too.

"Making films is about the only thing I really understand how to do," Coogan said. "I don't know what other career there could be for me. I'll have to do a couple of big pictures before they'll give somebody my age any money to direct, but it's not impossible. It's just not going to happen right away."

Coogan said the best time of his fledgling career so far was when he celebrated his 16th birthday while living in a tent in the wilds of Africa making the movie "Cheetah" for Disney. Saying he is presently looking for work, Coogan thinks he will enroll in some acting classes since he has had no professional training as an actor.

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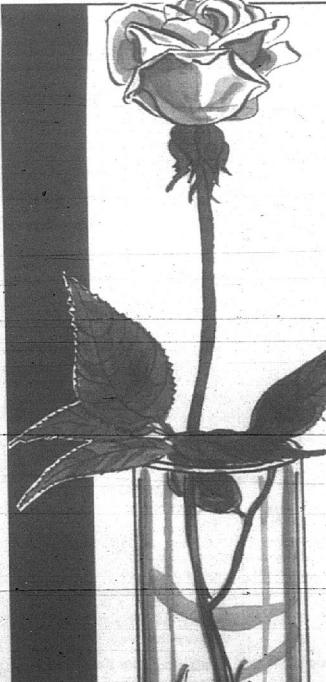
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## BAC grows mutant space tomatoes

Belleville Area College is making science fiction a reality with mutant tomato plants from outer space.

Plants from the second generation of "space seeds" are germinating and growing faster than plants grown from "earth seeds," sprouting more tomatoes and producing abnormal leaves, ones that are shaped like potato leaves.

In April 1984, more than 12 million tomato seeds were launched into space by the Space Shuttle Columbia in a part of the Long Duration Exposure Facility. Nearly six years later, the seeds returned to earth on the Space Shuttle Columbia and were distributed to schools throughout the United States, including BAC.

The seeds were part of an experiment by NASA and the Park Seed Company of Greenville, South Carolina, who provided the seeds for the experiment. The purpose of the research was to determine whether the seeds would lose their ability to germinate after prolonged periods of weightlessness or freezing temperatures in space.

Charlie Giedeman, coordinator of the BAC horticulture program, said the results could have future implications on space travel.

"Ordinary vegetable seeds lose

their ability to germinate after about three years," said Giedeman. "These were in space six years and were able to see any germination at all. In fact, very beginning, there was no measurable difference between the space plants and the earth group. The germination and the growth rate for both groups when grown under the identical conditions were coming out exactly the same. If you looked at the statistics, you could not tell them apart."

The second generation has radical differences, though. Germination of the "space seeds" began almost immediately and the leaves are extremely different from Miller's.

Farm Miller, BAC horticulture student from Freeburg, planted the seeds and is tracking the progress of the tomatoes. She named one of the first-generation plants "Super D" because of the large amount of tomatoes it produced.

Second-generation plants from "Super D" are producing an abnormally large amount of fruit and are able to survive even hard frosts, according to Miller's studies.

In September, about 10 percent of the seeds I tried to clean and dry from the group burst their seed coats and within 26 hours some of the seeds from

the first-generation plants started to germinate. Miller said, "We didn't expect any radical mutations; if there were any, we'd have to follow up the germination. When we tried drying the seeds from the first-generation plants, they began to germinate. We either had to plant them or let them air dry."

Giedeman would not make any conclusions about Miller's findings, but said the time from germination to harvest is shorter in the second-generation plants and since the germination began almost immediately, there is no way to store the seeds.

BAC and the other schools participating in the program are sending data to the "Park Seed Company." There the data is being compiled and compared. Some of the universities involved in the project are testing the

chemical make-up of the plants. Giedeman said the second-generation tomatoes will not be eaten because of the leaf mutations and odd seed germination, although tomatoes from the first generation were edible.

"Until we can be sure that they isn't something harmful with them, we won't eat them," Giedeman said. "The tomato is in the Nightshade family, which is one of the most poisonous families you can run into. We may have a potent poison in here so we're not taking a chance until we get this analyzed chemically."

Miller said she already is looking forward to the third-generation plants.

"I'd like to see what the next generation brings," she said.

## Knights cited for 4th Degree

Three members of the Knights of Columbus Council 1098 of Granite City were exemplified into the 4th Degree of the Order at Exemplification ceremonies held at Mount Vernon from April 12-14.

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On Sunday, June 9, tourers will have breakfast at the Cozy Dog Drive-In Springfield, take part in a car show in Litchfield, and go on a bus tour of the Chain of Rocks Bridge area near Granite City.

At the Hall of Fame ceremonies on June 8, three new members will be inducted. They are Metha Jensen, a former motel owner in Dwight and Hall's first step-born member, Clinton McNabbey, a former water and cafe owner in Normal; and the Cozy Dog, home of the original Route 66 fast food — the corn dog.

Prizes and other mementos of these members will then be on display in the Hall of Fame, located in the Dixie Truckers Home in McLean.

Also featured on the tour will be "Searching for 66," a new book on Route 66 written by Tom Teague, Teague of Springfield, is also president of the Route 66 Association.

Entry fee for the tour is \$20 per car for the general public and \$15 per car for association

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The Ketteler Center, the mental health services of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, offers a Community Education Series featuring local and regional experts discussing important mental health issues.

For more information on next scheduled program and upcoming topics, call 798-3604.



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## Clubs and support groups

### Better Breathers Club

This club is a social and educational support group for individuals with chronic lung conditions. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in Pascal Hall. For information, call 798-3118.

### CanSurMount

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St. Elizabeth Medical Center is the meeting site for several support groups for chemically dependent individuals, their friends and families. For more information, call 876-8590 or the Granite City AA Answering Service, at 876-8467.

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## Servicemen get training



Richard Kutz

**Richard Kutz**

Airman 1st Class Richard W. Kutz has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Jacqueline D. Kutz of Granite City.

**Royce Mason**

Pvt. Royce D. Mason has graduated from the material storage and handling course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

Students were trained in receipt, storage, shipment, issue, and preservation and packaging of supplies and equipment.

Mason is the son of Thelma T. Mason of Venice. The private is a 1990 graduate of Marquette High School, Alton.

**Eddie Gregory**

Pvt. Eddie L. Gregory has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the training, Gregory received instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Gregory is the son of Rita A. David of Venice. He is a 1990 graduate of Venice High School.

**Jonathan Jones**

Navy Seaman Recruit Jonathan T. Jones, son of Clarence L. and Barbara J. Jones of Granite City, has completed recruit training at Great Lakes, Ill.

During Jones's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

He also learned seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1989 graduate of Granite City Senior High School, Jones joined the Navy in August 1990.

**Peter Alexakis**

Army Sgt. Peter E. Alexakis has participated in Arctic Warrior '91, a training exercise for the defense of Alaska.

The exercise provided an arctic environment for a major land battle between two large conventional forces in the state's interior, air-to-ground operations in support of the land battle, and air intercept operations.

The exercise is conducted every other year to train Alaska-based forces to employ and sustain combat units.

Alexakis is a utilities equipment mechanic at Fort Richardson, Alaska. He is the son of Gus P. and Lois E. Alexakis of San Bernardino, Calif.

His wife, Susan, is the daughter of Randy Rock of St. Jacob and Lee A. Sheffer of Madison.

**James Briggs**

Navy Seaman Recruit James A. Briggs, son of Carol F. Townsend of Pontoon Beach, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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His studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

Briggs is a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School.

**Dawn Hamm**

Marine Lance Cpl. Dawn M. Hamm, daughter of Carol S. and John W. Hamm III of Madison, recently reported for duty with the Headquarters and Services Battalion at Quantico, Va.

A 1988 graduate of Madison Senior High School, she joined the Marine Corps in February 1989.

**Michael Fea**

Airman 1st Class Michael J. Fea has graduated from the aerospace power systems specialist (turboprop) course at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill.

Students were taught repair and maintenance on hydraulically operated propellers. Topics included operation, removal, disassembly and assembly, test and installation of propellers.

He is the son of Thomas N. and Catherine A. Fea of Granite City.

**Michael Votoupa**

Private 1st Class Michael A. Votoupa has completed the chaplain assistant course at Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, N.J.

The 16-week course stressed religious support, development of interpersonal skills, unit ministry support to soldiers and family members, provided for services in a battlefield environment and battle fatigue casualty.

Religious support classes not only taught students to prepare altars for Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Orthodox services, but stressed the importance of knowing about these and other faith groups represented in the Army.

The private is the son of Mike Votoupa of Granite City and Joe Votoupa of Madison. He is a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School.

**David Knepper**

Spc. David J. Knepper has completed a U.S. Army primary leadership course.

Students received training in supervisory skills, leadership principles, and small unit training techniques essential to a first-line supervisor in a technical or administrative environment.

The soldier is a tank turret mechanician at Fort Irwin, Calif.

Knepper is the son of Sandra J. Fisher of Granite City. He is a 1980 graduate of Granite City High School North.

## Local man takes part in Desert Storm

Spec. Ray W. Hahne of Belleville, formerly of Granite City, took part in Operation Desert Storm with the 3rd Armored Division.

He is the son of Rose M. Hahne and is married to Laurie K. Hahne of Belleville.

Hahne is a combat signaller and tactical wireman with Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment.

He served four years with the Army and was stationed at Ray Barracks, Friedberg, Germany, from December 1990 until he deployed to Saudi Arabia.

He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment at Schwezehaburg, Germany.

Hahne graduated in 1980 from Granite City High School. The 3rd Armored Division is one of two divisions assigned to VII Corps, which led the main attack into Iraq and was among the first units deployed to defend Saudi Arabia. Its soldiers were in the forefront of action during

the entire drive to liberate Kuwait.

On Feb. 24, the division overran minor Iraqi defenses with enough momentum to carry them through several divisions of defenders, including three divisions of Iraq's Republican Guards.

Elements of the division penetrated some 18 miles into Iraq during the first day, taking more than 200 prisoners. The next day it

pushed another 35 miles into Iraq destroying enemy vehicles and still taking prisoners.

The division destroyed more than 300 Iraqi tanks and infantry fighting vehicles and took more than 1,000 prisoners.

Elements of the division are still in northern Kuwait while others are occupying demilitarized sections of Iraq.

Hahne plans to return to Germany later this year.

## 5 Star Club to hear speaker

At its May 1 meeting, Central Park's Five Star Club will have as its guest speaker Susan Hoffmann of the Social Security Administration.

She will be covering a wide variety of information including the new fee structure of Medicare insurance and benefits that seniors might be eligible to

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The Five Star Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Niedringhaus Methodist Church, 210th and Delmar Streets at 1:30 p.m.

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## Kindergarten readiness tests wrong approach

By Jane Cosby  
Correspondent

A question facing many parents of 5-year-olds or of kids who soon will be that age is whether or not their children need to take kindergarten readiness tests.

Many school districts administer "readiness" tests during kindergarten registration and make recommendations about kindergarten placement at the Child Development Center at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley.

The problem with this practice is that it is not a reliable way of predicting a child's future success in school and, according to some experts, it should not be.

"Readiness is a backward concept," said Ann Schroer, director of the Eden Lab School, a preschool program affiliated with Eden Theological Seminary.

For years we have tried to make the kids fit the curriculum instead of fitting the curriculum to the kids."

Schroer was co-chairperson of a committee of early childhood educators that recently revised "Kindergarten Education: A Position Statement," a paper

listing appropriate kindergarten curriculum and practices and, outlining what a kindergarten program should be.

"If a school district says a child is not ready for kindergarten, then why are they sending him if he does not meet our criteria for our program?" Schroer said.

Instead, the district should be trying to meet the child's needs, said Lynn Bjorksten, a kindergarten teacher at the Child Development Center at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley.

"Schools need to provide services for children without setting arbitrary rules about what they (children) need to know first," she said.

Simply put, schools should teach the 5-year-olds they get, not just the ones that pass their test.

Testing should not be the sole factor used to determine a child's kindergarten placement, said Brenda Luecking, associate professor of education at the early childhood program at Webster University and current president of the Missouri Association for the Education of Young Children.

"What used to be done in pre-school is now done in pre-school. The problem is that developmentally kids have not changed. So we are rushing them."

Consequently, since the work in most kindergartens is more academic than it once was, it makes sense for parents to keep their children out of school a year longer so that they can

gain the maturity needed to handle the more advanced curriculum.

"Almost always waiting a year means giving your child an advantage," she said.

Parents facing the decision of whether or not to hold their child out a year need to assess their own child, said Luecking. "You need to learn to be an advocate for your child," she said. "No one else will be that kind of advocate."

For a copy of "Kindergarten Education: A Position Statement" send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Kindergarten Statement, ABCs For Parents, 1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 100, St. Louis, Mo. 63141.

Jane Cosby is a former teacher and the mother of two.

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## Facts show alcohol still top problem

The release of updated facts on alcohol and alcohol-related problems provided the springboard for the fifth annual Alcohol Awareness Month observed by nearly 200 affiliates of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence throughout the country, including Plaza Health Care.

"After reading through this fact sheet there can be little doubt that alcohol is America's number one drug problem," said Paul Wood, NCADD president.

The four-page fact sheet includes the following information:

Despite a decline in per capita consumption of alcohol during the 1980s, overall alcohol-related morbidity did not decline.

As many as 19.5 million Americans show signs of alcoholism or alcohol dependence, and another 7.5 million show persistent moderate or severe symptoms associated with impaired health and/or social functioning.

Alcoholism and related problems cost the nation an estimated \$85.8 billion in 1988; \$27.5 billion more than illicit use of other drugs.

An alcohol-related family problem strikes one of every

four American homes.

Twin and adoption studies have provided evidence for the genetic transmission of vulnerability to alcoholism.

An average of 300 people died each day in 1987 from alcohol-related causes — a total of 105,090.

Fetal alcohol syndrome is one of the top three known causes of birth defects, with accompanying mental retardation and the only preventable cause among those three.

About a quarter of all hospitalized patients have alcohol-related problems.

A survey of 1986 deaths found that men who regularly drank two or more drinks a day were nearly twice as likely to die before age 65 than men who drank 12 or fewer drinks a year; their female counterparts were three times as likely to die before age 65.

Alcohol is closely linked to suicide. Among causes of death in alcoholics, an average of 18 percent are due to suicide.

Of offenders convicted of violent crimes, 54 percent of the inmates in one survey had consumed alcohol just before the offense.

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## Business

# Taxpayers gain by planning ahead

By Roger McGrath  
Correspondent

**Taxpayers' annual rite of spring—or write of spring for those who discover they owe Uncle Sam's "bills" in taxes—has passed. But it also is the time to start planning for next year, while memories of tax-filing season still are fresh, is the time to plan for next year, tax preparers say.**

There are two reasons to plan: It makes completing next year's tax return less grueling and cuts Uncle Sam's bite of your income.

"Fiscal health is very much like physical health," you better do it regularly," explains accountant Jerry Nichols, of Nichols, Ziemann & Co. in St. Louis.

Regular recordkeeping is a must, tax advisers say. "Keep a file, marked '1991 income taxes,'" advises Steven Brown, tax partner at Rubin, Brown, Bernstein & Co., a Clayton accounting firm. "Anytime you have something that pertains to your tax return, throw it in that envelope, or folder."

That's why Nichols recommends paying bills whenever possible. He notes on the check's memo line that this is a potential tax deduction, then drops the canceled check into his tax file.

If you are uncertain about what has tax consequences, toss the receipt into the file anyway.

Brown advises. Next tax season, you or your accountant can determine whether a deduction is allowed—

With regular recordkeeping, by the end of the year you'll have a file about two inches thick and ready for sorting into categories such as medical expenses, reimbursed employee mileage and so on, Nichols says.

Tax adviser Art Weiss last year switched to an electronic recordkeeping device. At the end of each day he punched in that day's expenditures complete with code that lumped business lunches into one category, charitable contributions into another and so on. At year-end, the device printed out a complete list of his deductions.

"I was amazed at all the things that slipped through the cracks," says the electronic guru. "The tax law is complex," Arthur Andersen & Co. in St. Louis. Among tax deductions he'd forgotten: A contribution to KETC-TV (Channel 9), member ship to the St. Louis Zoo association, several business lunches and some charitable mileage.

At nine cents per mile, the allowance for mileage while working for charitable causes "isn't bad," Weiss adds.

Poor recordkeeping means you could miss some deductions. Brown recalls a client whose wife won \$6,000 in Las Vegas. The couple had to declare the entire amount as income when they couldn't document that

she'd later lost \$2,000 at the gaming tables. If they'd had documentation, they could've reduced taxable winnings to \$4,000.

How long should you keep tax records? The statute of limitations is three years, hence, the IRS can seek redressal errors on your tax return, Weiss says. Unless you intentionally filed a fraudulent return, for which there is no statute of limitations, he quickly adds.

But don't indiscriminately toss out pre-1988 financial records, he continues. You need records showing how much you paid for your house, for shares of stock so you can determine your capital gain, your taxable profit on those investments.

If you ever made a non-deductible contribution to an Individual Retirement Account, you'll need to keep that year's tax return too, Weiss says. Reason: The return (specifically Form 8606) is proof you've already paid tax on that contribution, and, therefore, that money should be taxed when you withdraw it during your retirement years.

Tax files needn't consume a lot of space. Nichols' two-drawer cabinet holds tax returns dating back to 1964, the first year he filed, plus all the bills and other financial records from 22 years of marriage.

Taxpayers who act now can benefit from Uncle Sam's share of your 1991 income, tax preparers say.

With the limits the feds have put on certain deductions, it's almost impossible to look at one year as a vacuum anymore," Weiss says. For instance, only medical expenses in excess of 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income and miscellaneous expenses exceeding 1 percent of total income are deductible.

He relates this case: A client is facing large and continuing medical bills for the care of his wife; he also has a large capital gain. By shifting the timing of the gain in 1990, which will keep the client's 1991 income down and maximize this year's medical deduction.

There may be a tax benefit by shifting income, especially interest earnings, to children, he says. The first \$500 of income to children is exempt from taxes; the next \$500 is taxed at the lowest rate, 15 percent.

Now the complicated part: If the youngster is under age 14, the tax rate is 15 percent, the parents' rate, probably 28 percent or 31 percent. But if the child is 14, he is considered a taxpayer and his income, as long as it is less than \$20,350, will be taxed at the 15 percent rate.

Interest paid on credit cards, auto loans and other personal loans can't be claimed on 1991 taxes, says Weiss. Tax preparers recommend taxpayers either get out of debt or, if they must be in debt, consolidate those borrowings under a home equity loan. Interest on home equity loans up to \$40,000 still is deductible.

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## Paid holidays in state

Slightly more than two out of three (68.5 percent) of the Illinois firms responding to a survey give ten or more paid holidays, some 33 percent give 11 or more, according to The Management Association's Holiday Survey.

The following details the breakout of respondents:

Six days	4.6 percent
Seven days	—
Eight days	8.8 percent
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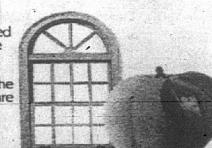
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## Grant helps area man teach basket-making to grandson

By Martin Richter  
Staff writer

"Paper or plastic?"

Just about everyone has heard this question since it's been out lane of their local grocery store, but it wasn't always that way. There was a day when people brought their own baskets for carting groceries home from the market.

These days, baskets are used more for decoration — or holding fake grass and Easter eggs — than for everyday chores. But there is part of a grant from the Illinois Arts Council that St. Jacob resident is helping to keep basket making from becoming a dying art.

Dale Black, who has been

making baskets as a hobby since the early 1970s, was awarded a \$2,500 grant to teach the craft to his grandson, Ian Abel of Lebanon. He's part of IAC's Apprenticeship Program.

The program aims to encourage informal one-to-one teaching relationships among traditional and folk artists in Illinois.

The grant will run through July, providing \$1,800 for Black and \$700 for Abel, a 16-year-old sophomore at Mascoutah High School. They have used the money to buy tools, and to pay for Abel's transportation costs.

Abel traveled to Black's rustic farmhouse just north of the Madison County line on Illinois 4, for lessons in basket making. The two work outside by the

weathered barn or sit in the living room around a wood-burning stove if the weather is bad.

"I like to pass it on, what you know," said Black, 58, who has taught Black, 30, and the state seems to think it's important to pass on crafts from one generation to the next."

The craft was passed to Black by his grandfather and a Lebanon resident named Edison Reder whom Black met at a craft show.

Reder, who passed away in the late 1970s, was reputed to have learned basket weaving from bobs who had a camp near Lebanon in the 1920s.

"He was a kid, and they had a circle of a bob camp down by Silver Creek, and he picked up

some of it down there," Black said. "At least that's what he said. He learned a thing or two from the bobs."

For most people, basket making conjures up a mental image of weaving reeds or metal strips. But Black and Abel, who start out with a live tree, both said the hardest part of the job comes before you get to that point.

"The weaving part is pretty easy," Abel said. "The cutting of the ribs and stuff is pretty hard. It takes practice."

Black uses maple, oak or ash to make baskets. He makes a circle with his thumb and forefinger to show the size of tree he looks for and explains that you want a straight tree with as few

knots or limbs as possible.

"Your main thing is to get your materials out of the raw materials," he said. "It takes lots of time, lots of time, lots of picking up and weaving the basket. You're at the mercy of what you can get abroad."

After they strip the wood into thin strips, Black and Abel use two round hoops as the basic skeleton for the basket. They then weave in a diamond-shaped beginning, and go to work weaving the basket.

"I just say if I need one about that big, that's about how big I

make it," said Black, holding his hands about two feet apart. "No two of them are exactly the same. It just depends on how come."

Black uses finished baskets to cart tomatoes or potatoes, or sells them at craft shows.

"I just enjoy making it," Black said. "In the summer it's nice when you can sit outside and make a basket."

"Mr. Reder used to say it was a nice way to whittle," he said. "Instead of just making a pile of wood chips, he'd make a basket."

## Some SS overpayments need not be returned

By Bill Hunot  
Social Security Administration

Q. Last year I earned more than I expected to and Social Security paid me more retirement benefits than I was due. Do I have to return the money back? If so, can I pay a little each month?

A. Earnings more than expected are the most common source of overpaid Social Security benefits. Predicting exactly how much you will earn in a coming year is pretty difficult.

Most overpayments must be repaid. In some cases, though, Social Security will waive recovery of the overpayment which simply means the government won't try to collect it. Two conditions must be met for an overpayment to be waived: First, it must be completed without fault in causing the overpayment. Second, you must show that repayment would deprive you of income you need to meet your basic living expenses or that repayment would be unfair for some other reason.

If the overpayment cannot be waived you must pay it back. But it does not have to be repaid all at once. You can do it in installments.

Q. My mother receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments because of mental illness. She's been having some problems and her doctor sent her to a hospital for a week until she can get her stabilized on her medication. Will her SSI continue while she is away from her home?

A. If your mother's stay in the facility is brief — 90 days or less — she may continue receiving her full SSI payments. This is an exception to the rule that SSI payments are stopped or drastically reduced when personal checks into an institution.

Generally, people living in hos-

pitals, nursing homes or other institutions for a full calendar month receive less money from SSI, for that month. SSI payments are limited to \$30 per month for Medicaid to insure benefits because I worked all my life before my diabetes ruined my eyesight. Can I qualify for Social Security disability?

A. People with legal blindness are considered disabled under Social Security's definition of disability. Social Security statutes define blindness as visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of corrective lenses. A person with vision in one eye that is 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of corrective lenses is also considered blind. However, if your mother's stay is expected to be temporary she can receive her full SSI while she is in the hospital. After other words, she can receive the payment that would have been due had she not been hospitalized instead of the \$30 SSI maximum for a Medicaid living arrangement.

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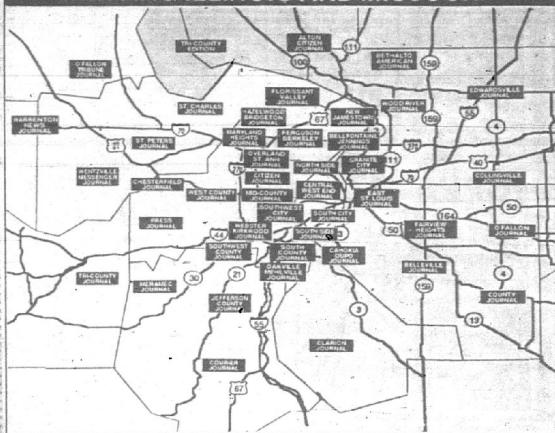
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